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STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 2017-18 SESSION

On December 19, 2017, the Board voted to adopt recommended legislative priorities for 2018 and policy changes to the County's State Legislative Agenda for the second year of the 2017-18 Legislative Session with the following actions:

Legislative Policies. The Board unanimously adopted the following additional policies for inclusion in the State Legislative Agenda:

- Recommendation by Supervisors Kuehl and Solis to add the following policies to the 2017-2018 State Legislative Agenda:
 - Support legislation that fosters community choice energy program development and operations; and oppose legislation that reduces local control or that adds burdensome regulations, unreasonable costs, or creates delays to community choice energy programs and their customers; and
 - Support legislation that would allow for and/or expedite the direct reuse of potable recycled water.
- Recommendation by Supervisors Hahn and Barger to direct the CEO's Legislative Office to add the following items to the State Legislative Agenda:
 - Support and/or pursue legislation that would increase funding for:
 - a) mosquito-borne disease and vaccination research; and b) mosquito and vector control services, which include but, are not limited to: source reduction, surveillance and monitoring, education and outreach, biological control and chemical control;

- Support and/or pursue legislation that would allow for mosquito and vector control considerations in environmental evaluation and ongoing management and maintenance of storm water and other infrastructure projects; and
- Support and/or pursue legislation that would grant state certified mosquito control personnel more authority to expeditiously access properties that are mosquito infested so intervention efforts can be initiated.
- Recommendation by Supervisor Hahn to approve the inclusion of the following policies into Section 10.9 Military and Veteran Affairs, in the County's 2017-2018 State Legislative Agenda that promotes up to a 15 percent preference to Local Small Business Enterprises, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, and Social Enterprises, consistent with the County's Small Business, Disabled Veteran-Owned Business and Social Enterprise Utilization Plan, and instruct the County's Sacramento representatives to advocate for the policies as follows:
 - Support legislation which enhances contracting opportunities for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and Social Enterprises by providing the ability for these businesses to receive bid preferences on low-bid construction contracts.
 - Support legislation which increases the amount of the preference allowed on low-bid construction contracts in an amount consistent with the County's Small Business, Disabled Veteran Owned Business, and Social Enterprise Utilization Plan.
- Recommendation by Supervisor Hahn to add the following to the State Legislative Agenda:
 - Support legislation that will enhance the County's ability to reunite families with loved ones who have tendencies to wander, such as individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism.

For your reference, attached are copies of the approved Board letter (Attachment I), the complete State Legislative Agenda for 2018 (Attachment II), inclusive of all the policy revisions adopted by the Board on December 19, 2017, and copies of the motions adopted by the Board on the State Legislative Agenda (Attachment III).

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Olyvia Rodriguez of my staff at (213) 893-2164.

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Attachments

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**AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON
DECEMBER 19, 2017**

December 19, 2017

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE SECOND YEAR
OF THE 2017-18 SESSION
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AFFECTED)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The following recommendations represent updated policies and proposals for the second year of the 2017-18 Legislative Session, which were developed in coordination with Board Offices, County departments, and County Counsel. This package, together with other positions previously adopted by the Board, represent guiding principles for the County's advocacy efforts in Sacramento.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve the attached additions, deletions, and changes to existing Board-adopted policies and positions for inclusion in the 2017-18 State Legislative Agenda (Attachment).
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer and affected departments to work with the County's Legislative delegation, other counties and local governments, and stakeholders to pursue these policies, positions, and priorities in the State Legislature and with the Administration and its agencies.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer and the County's Sacramento Legislative Representatives to advocate on the Board's behalf and to prepare and transmit the County's legislative priorities in letters to the Legislature and the Governor.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended changes seek to minimize the adverse impact of State actions on the County, achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds, protect revenue sources for County-provided services, secure State financial assistance whenever possible, and promote the growth of the State and local economy.

CALIFORNIA FISCAL OUTLOOK

On June 27, 2017, Governor Brown signed the FY 2017-18 State Budget Act, which provides \$125.1 billion in State General Fund expenditures, and includes \$2.4 billion in total reserves with a \$8.5 billion Rainy Day Fund balance by June 2018. In his signing message, the Governor noted that the budget continues to bolster the State's Rainy Day Fund and pay down accumulated debt. The Governor indicated this investment would help counter the potential fiscal impact of any Federal policy changes on California and the end of the current economic expansion.

The final budget package included a number of County-supported proposals favorable to the programs and residents we serve, including: 1) restoration of the Diversion Program Infrastructure Grants, which will provide \$67.5 million in one-time funding for mental health and substance use disorder diversion programs; 2) restoration of the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, to provide \$45.0 million to assist homeless individuals to apply for State and Federal disability benefits; 3) an increase of \$22.0 million for Dependency Court Counsel to reduce child dependency court caseloads; and 4) \$15.5 million to establish the Child Care Bridge Program for foster children.

Most significantly, the enacted budget included the Governor's May Revision proposal to mitigate the impact of the elimination of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) to counties. As initially proposed, the elimination of the IHSS MOE would have resulted in estimated County costs of \$220.0 million in FY 2017-18, increasing to over \$550.0 million by FY 2020-21. The final budget agreement established a new IHSS MOE base which results in significantly reduced County costs of \$9.6 million in FY 2017-18 and \$31.3 million in FY 2018-19. As described in greater detail under Legislative Priorities, the County will continue to work with the Administration and key stakeholders to address long-term funding for the IHSS Program in 2018.

On November 15, 2017, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released its fiscal assessment for California, which projects a positive outlook for the FY 2018-19 State Budget. Assuming no new budget commitments are made, the LAO forecasts that the State will end FY 2018-19 with \$19.3 billion in total reserves, including \$7.5 billion in discretionary reserves.

The Legislative Analyst's Office notes that significant progress has been made towards building up reserves to prepare for the next recession. The LAO reports that if the economy experiences a moderate recession, the State has enough reserves to cover its deficits until FY 2021-22, without cutting spending or raising taxes. However, the LAO cautions that these estimates assume the State will not make any changes to its current policies and programs. The LAO's outlook also assumes no new changes in Federal policy, noting that Federal changes to health care, tax reform, immigration, trade, or other policies could impact State funds.

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

As described below, unless otherwise instructed by the Board, the County's initial advocacy efforts in 2018 will be primarily concentrated on preserving local control, preserving the Affordable Care Act, sustaining funding for the In-Home Supportive Services program, improving and enhancing the State's enforcement of hazardous waste laws and protections, reducing and preventing homelessness, and advocating for funding for justice programs, including diversion programs.

Preservation of Local Control. In 2017, a number of measures, specifically targeted to Los Angeles County, were introduced; which would: 1) usurp the statutory authority granted to the Board of Supervisors; 2) undermine the will of the County voters regarding self-governance; and 3) significantly alter the County's governance structure. These measures include: County-opposed SCA 12 (Mendoza), which would place a measure on the November 2018 statewide ballot seeking approval to voters to amend the California Constitution to require Los Angeles County to expand the Board of Supervisors from five to at least seven members, and to have an elected county executive (Senator Mendoza has indicated his intent to amend the bill to remove the elected CEO provision); County-opposed SB 268 (Mendoza), which would diminish the Board's authority on the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) governing board by revising its composition; County-opposed AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), which would substantially restrict the County's contracting authority and limit the circumstances under which counties would be authorized to outsource personal services; and County-opposed SB 792 (Wilk), which would require the County to establish the Measure B Oversight Commission to review the allocation of voter-approved Measure B trauma funds and provide annual reports on the allocation of these funds to the Legislature.

The County partnered with numerous stakeholders, including the California State Association of Counties and Urban Counties of California, among others, to stop SCA 12, SB 268, AB 1250, and SB 792 in 2017. Advocacy efforts included conducting one-on-one meetings with key members of the Legislature, engaging County and community partners, and developing fact sheets, talking points and other educational materials outlining the impact of these measures on the County and its residents. SCA 12, SB 268, and SB 792 passed the Senate and will be considered by the Assembly in 2018. AB 1250 passed the Assembly and will be considered by the Senate in 2018. The County will build upon our advocacy efforts of 2017 and will continue to strongly oppose these and any other measures that would: 1) abridge or eliminate the Board of Supervisors' powers and duties; 2) usurp the statutory authority granted to the Board of Supervisors; 3) undermine the will of the County voters regarding self-governance; 4) violate the "home rule" provisions on the California Constitution which gives charter counties the exclusive power to determine compensation and working conditions for persons involved in internal County operations; or 5) alter the County's governance structure.

Preservation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Affordable Care Act of 2010 greatly expanded health care coverage to millions of residents throughout the State. Starting in January 2014, the ACA created new health exchanges through which health insurance may be purchased with Federal subsidies for low-income families and individuals, expanded Medicaid coverage for non-disabled persons below 65 years of age with incomes under 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), including childless adults previously ineligible for Medicaid. The ACA also gave states the option to expand Medicaid eligibility to persons with incomes between 133 percent and 200 percent of the FPL at an enhanced Federal match rate. California was one of the first states that opted to expand Medicaid. As a result, approximately 13.6 million Californians currently receive Medi-Cal benefits, including an estimated 3.9 million recipients who are newly eligible under the Medi-Cal expansion, 1.2 million of whom reside in Los Angeles County.

Despite numerous failed attempts, the Republican-led Congress is expected to continue to push for the repeal or replacement of the ACA, in whole or in part. Proposals under consideration include ending Medicaid as an open-ended entitlement, turning this program into a per-capita cap system, or a block grant. This would result in the loss of billions of dollars in Federal funding to the State, unravel the safety net which provides essential health care coverage for millions of families, adults and children in California, and shift the cost of indigent health care back to the County. Therefore, the County will continue to work closely with the Administration, the Legislature, and stakeholders to advocate at the Federal level to protect critical Medicaid funding and for the preservation of the ACA, and/or to support alternatives which would minimize the number of uninsured and maximize Federal funding with which to serve County residents.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE). In January 2017, Governor Brown announced findings by the Department of Finance that triggered the elimination of the IHSS MOE effective July 1, 2017, and the shift of \$623.0 million in State General Fund costs to counties. Based on our analysis, this action would have resulted in estimated County costs of \$220.0 million in FY 2017-18, increasing to over \$550.0 million by FY 2020-21.

The FY 2017-18 State Budget Act establishes a new IHSS MOE base with an annual county inflation factor which will be phased in and applied to the base, beginning at zero in FY 2017-18, increasing to five percent in FY 2018-19, and seven percent in FY 2019-20 and ongoing. After extensive budget deliberations with key stakeholders, including the County, the final budget also contains provisions to help mitigate the impact of the elimination of the IHSS MOE to counties, including: 1) \$1.08 billion in State General Fund contributions to counties over the next four years; and 2) the redirection of all 1991 Realignment Vehicle License Fee (VLF) growth from the Health, Mental Health, and County Medical Services Programs to the IHSS Program for three years, decreasing to 50 percent in years four and five.

Compared to initial estimates, the approved budget results in an estimated County cost increase of \$9.6 million in FY 2017-18 and \$31.3 million in FY 2018-19 resulting from the elimination of the IHSS MOE. However, absent any cost containment measures or major reforms, the cost of the IHSS Program will become unsustainable for all counties after FY 2019-20. Major factors which will drive up costs in the coming years include: 1) IHSS caseload growth; 2) increases in the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour; 3) return of collective bargaining for IHSS provider wages to counties; 4) overtime costs; and 5) paid sick leave. The Administration has committed to working with counties to re-examine the 1991 Realignment funding structure and to develop recommendations to address IHSS costs as part of the development of the FY 2019-20 State Budget. Therefore, the County will continue to work with the Administration, California State Association of Counties, County Welfare Directors Association and other key stakeholders to develop a new allocation methodology which will sustain funding for the IHSS Program, mitigate cost shifts to counties, and stabilize 1991 Realignment revenues for county health and social services programs.

Environmental Protection, Oversight and Monitoring. There is a pressing need for increased regulation, oversight and monitoring of polluters by responsible State agencies, as well as strengthened enforcement against responsible parties. Incidents of environmental hazards in the County include lead contamination in the City of Vernon, chromium exposure in the City of Paramount, and the natural gas leak in Porter Ranch. Therefore, the County will support and advocate for proposals which increase the State's regulation of hazardous waste and improve its enforcement of hazardous waste laws, as well as proposals that require greater coordination between State and local agencies as it relates to preventing and responding to environmental hazards.

One of the most relevant examples of the State's failure to protect the public's health from toxic exposure is Exide Technologies, a lead-acid battery recycling facility in the City of Vernon which the State allowed to operate for decades under a temporary State permit, resulting in thousands of properties in the surrounding communities to be contaminated with lead. In 2016, Governor Brown enacted SB 93 (Chapter 9, Statutes of 2016), which appropriated \$176.6 million in one-time funding for the cleanup and investigation of properties contaminated by lead in the communities surrounding Exide. The funding is appropriated to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, which is responsible for the Exide cleanup and lead testing; however, this funding will be insufficient to address all of the issues. Specific to Exide, the County will seek to secure ongoing funding sources for the affected communities, including, but not limited to: 1) thoroughly and methodically clean all contaminated areas surrounding the Exide facility, including, but not limited to, the inside of homes, parkways, schools, parks and other public areas; 2) conducting health assessments to detect and monitor lead poisoning in residents, especially children; and 3) providing health care and support services for those that have been lead poisoned.

Homeless Services. The County has made significant strides towards combating the homeless crisis in the region, including the passage of Measure H, which will generate an estimated \$355.0 million per year for comprehensive homelessness services. In addition, in 2017, the County successfully sponsored State legislative measures that will allow the County to: 1) form homeless multidisciplinary teams; 2) use Mental Health Services Act funds to provide housing assistance to homeless individuals who suffer with mental illness; and 3) directly administer the transaction and use tax ordinance to allocate Measure H sales tax revenue to the County's Homeless Initiative. To further advance our homelessness goals, the County will continue to advocate for State assistance and proposals that: 1) fund initiatives to reduce and prevent homelessness; 2) expand the availability of permanent supportive housing that provide coordinated services; and 3) allow counties to maximize and leverage Federal, State, and local funds to provide services for at-risk and homeless families and single persons.

Criminal Justice Programs. Over the past several years, the County has committed to significant efforts to improve the lives of those individuals involved in, or at risk of being involved in, the criminal justice system, including programs that aim to divert, rehabilitate, and/or reduce the recidivism of vulnerable juvenile and adult populations. The County is spearheading new, comprehensive diversion and supportive services in concert with the continued implementation of new statewide criminal justice responsibilities and mandates. The County will advocate for funding, policies, and programs to support the County's justice system, including to help expand the County's juvenile and adult diversion programs. In addition, the County will oppose State proposals to realign and/or mandate new criminal justice responsibilities to local governments, unless such proposals are vetted by counties and provide adequate State funding and program flexibility.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The recommended changes in the attachment represent requests from this office, departments and commissions, and Board offices to add or modify policy statements consistent with existing operational goals and plans. New policy statements represent emerging programs and issues for which we are seeking the Board's concurrence to guide future advocacy efforts in Sacramento. In addition, some policies are no longer applicable and, therefore, have been removed.

All other previously Board-adopted State Legislative Agenda policies and positions remain in effect and, as such, advocacy will continue on these matters. A revised comprehensive list of all State Legislative Agenda policy statements will be published subsequent to consideration and approval of

the changes included in this letter.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed policies in the State Legislative Agenda are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness and Fiscal Sustainability. Operational Effectiveness is achieved by providing timely advocacy on proposals that could significantly impact the County and support the delivery of efficient public services. Fiscal Sustainability results from efforts by the Chief Executive Office and County departments to sustain essential services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

None.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

The recommended additions, deletions, and changes to existing adopted policies are submitted for the Board's consideration as guiding principles for inclusion in the State Legislative Agenda for the second year of the 2017-18 Legislative Session. This office will ensure that all legislative positions pursued are communicated to the Board, and that Board offices are provided the opportunity for input on those positions prior to any initial advocacy.

The policies and proposals contained in this package are in addition to, and are not intended to replace or be exclusive of any position the Board may adopt at any time during the year. As in the past, the State Legislative Agenda will be updated to reflect subsequent Board actions and will be shared with all County departments subsequent to Board approval.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
12/19/2017
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Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel



RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE 2017-18 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

**RECOMMENDED STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICIES ADDRESSING ISSUES OF
MAJOR COUNTY INTEREST**

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2. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

2.1 Air Quality

9. *Oppose proposals that would eliminate or diminish the authority of local air districts or jurisdictions to impose regulations that improve air quality and protect public health.*

Justification: New policy. The Department of Public Health (DPH) reports that Los Angeles County suffers from many sources of air pollution that endanger the health of adjacent communities. DPH notes that despite improvements in air quality over the last few decades, the Los Angeles-Long Beach area still ranks in the top 10 most polluted cities across all three air quality metrics (ozone, year-round particle pollution, and short-term particle pollution) in the American Lung Association's 2017 State of the Air report. The neighborhoods most negatively affected by air pollution are typically low-income communities of color. These communities consequently suffer from higher rates of asthma and other respiratory diseases. DPH has been heavily involved in efforts to improve air quality and protect public health in disproportionately impacted communities, including by working with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and other agencies to use the full extent of local authority to regulate air emissions. This new policy would allow the County to oppose legislation that would prohibit or limit an air district from adopting or implementing regulations on greenhouse gas emissions or other carbon-cutting rules. An example of this is the provision included in the 2017 cap-and-trade legislation which prohibits air districts from adopting emission reduction rules, until January 1, 2031, for stationary sources that are also subject to the State's cap-and-trade program (AB 398, Chapter 135, Statutes of 2017). **(Requested by the Department of Public Health)**

2.2 Beaches

11. *Oppose legislation that would authorize State agencies to reclaim or appropriate in-lieu fees held in account by local jurisdictions unless such fees are spent on projects located within the jurisdiction where the fees originated.*

Justification: New policy. The Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) reports the Los Angeles County Code established the Coastal Improvement Fund (CIF) for Marina del Rey to finance construction of local park facilities in the Marina del Rey area to mitigate the impact of new residential development on recreational resources of the Marina and adjacent beaches. The CIF requires that any new residential project built in the Marina contribute a fee for each net new residential unit and when public parking lots are replaced by non-Coastal Act priority uses. Development projects can offset the CIF requirement by providing public open space as a part of the project. DBH indicates that it takes many years to collect enough funding through the CIF to initiate and complete projects. AB 250 (Chapter 838, Statutes of 2017) authorizes the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to reclaim an assessed in-lieu fee that has not been expended within a certain timeframe relative to its deposit, and reassign it for use for other projects if the executive director of the CCC determines that in-lieu fee will be better utilized by reassignment to those projects. This new policy would allow the County to oppose legislation that proposed to allow the California Coastal Commission to reclaim fees that have not been used within a certain timeframe unless the funds were used to fund regional recreational projects on the Los Angeles County's coast. **(Requested by the Department of Beaches and Harbors)**

2.6 Water Supply

19. Support legislation that ensures a property served by an onsite wastewater treatment system (septic systems) is evaluated by a qualified professional as part of the sale of the property and increases reporting of the evaluation results to the local health officer or designated city officials.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Public Health (DPH) indicates that the proposed policy would help reduce opportunities for groundwater contamination and sewage leakage. Due to failing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS), commonly known as septic systems, DPH reviews permits for OWTS referred from the Department of Public Works Building and Safety for unincorporated areas and nine contracted cities. The requirement to have a property with an OWTS evaluated as part of the sale of the property is an effective tool for identifying systems that are failing and systems that were installed either illegally or pre-dated permitting requirements. **(Requested by the Department of Public Health; concurrence by the Department of Public Works)**

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

3.4 Consumer Protection and Fair Businesses Practices

30. Support proposals that increase consumer access to traditional banking services.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) anticipates legislation that would increase consumer access to traditional banking services. DCBA reports that individuals who lack access to traditional banking services often overpay for basic financial transactions which in turn impedes their ability to build savings and assets. According to research from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, there are a multitude of reasons why consumers lack access to banking services, such as: inability to meet minimum balance requirements; lack of identification; high or unpredictable account fees; and accessibility of branch locations. In response, DCBA plans to establish a local coalition to bring the Bank On program to the County of Los Angeles in 2018. The Bank On program is a national initiative dedicated to help improve financial stability of unbanked and underbanked consumers by connecting them to safe and affordable mainstream accounts in banks and credit unions which helps put them on a path to increased savings and financial empowerment. This policy would allow the County to support proposals that increase consumer access to traditional banking services which is consistent with the Board's efforts to promote economic development. **(Requested by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs)**

3.12 Education

8. Support proposals to assist school districts in providing school-based health programs to ensure the behavioral, mental health, and physical needs of students are addressed and all students are ready to learn.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Public Health (DPH) indicates that there is evidence linking school-based health centers and services to improved academic and health outcomes, as well as data connecting high school graduation and college attainment to health. DPH reports that a two-year study, California Healthy Kids Survey, conducted during 2011-2013,

showed that in Los Angeles County, 35 percent of 9th graders reported feelings of depression. Additionally, 20 percent of students reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year. Research suggests that school-based health services could in the short-term improve students' access to care, nutrition, and physical activity, and could result in long-term public health benefits and educational attainment. This policy would allow the County to support proposals such as those to: 1) establish an Office of School-Based Health Programs within the California Department of Education to administer and support school-based health programs operated by public schools; and 2) establish grant programs to provide schools with funding to increase on-site health and behavioral health services to students. Such proposals would improve the lives of students, and in the long term, help the County achieve population health goals and lower health care costs. **(Requested by the Department of Public Health; concurrence by Los Angeles County Office of Education)**

3.15 Elections and Voting

9. *Support proposals to advance improved models for auditing vote totals and demonstrating the accuracy of voting systems.*

Justification. New policy. The Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) anticipates the introduction of legislation related to risk-limiting and ballot-level audit models to evaluate the security, accuracy and reliability of voting systems. RR/CC reports that such legislation would support the County's current Voter Systems Assessment Project pilot program. This new policy would allow the County to support legislation on this issue expected to be introduced in 2018. **(Requested by the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk)**

3.19 Small Business Development

4. *Support proposals to develop a State Social Enterprise designation or increase social enterprise contracting with government agencies.*

Justification. New policy. The County of Los Angeles developed the premiere Social Enterprise preference program to support social enterprises. Social Enterprises contribute to the economy's environmental, health, human justice and social sustainability often at the cost of short term profits in order to support healthy communities. These businesses incur higher costs because they focus on providing additional services to the community such as life skills, job readiness/retention, self-sufficiency and housing in addition to operational expenses. The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) reports that a State social enterprise designation would further promote the development of these businesses that benefit society. **(Requested by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs)**

4. HEALTH

4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage

- ~~15. — Go sponsor or support legislation to authorize Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers to elect to have Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis.~~

Justification: County-supported SB 323 (Chapter 540, Statutes of 2017), which becomes effective on January 1, 2018, will authorize Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers to receive Medi-Cal reimbursements from county mental health plans for specialty mental health services and Drug Medi-Cal services outside of the regular Medi-Cal reimbursement structure. Therefore, this policy is no longer needed. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office)**

4.5 HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases

- ~~9. — Support legislation to regulate the adult film industry to decrease the risk of occupationally acquired HIV and other STDs.~~

Justification: The Department of Public Health reports that based on a review of the epidemiology tied to the adult film industry, and Measure B passed by voters in 2012 which requires the use of condoms in film productions, this policy is no longer necessary. **(Requested by the Department of Public Health)**

6. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

6.1 General

17. Support funding for and proposals that direct the California Department of Motor Vehicles to work with counties to assist county jail inmates, State prison inmates, Post Release Community Supervision offenders, and youth in juvenile justice facilities, including those deemed to be homeless, to apply for and receive a California Driver's License or Identification Card free of charge, prior to being released from custody as well as obtain vital records like their birth certificates.

Justification: Revision to existing policy. AB 1733 (Chapter 764, Statutes of 2014) requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue, without a fee, an identification card to any individual who can verify his or her status as homeless. These statutes exclude homeless individuals temporarily detained in jail or prison. The revisions to this policy would allow the County to support proposals to provide homeless individuals detained in jail or prison with a Driver's License or Identification Card free of charge. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office; concurrence from the Sheriff's Department and CEO-Homeless Initiative)**

6.5 Custodial Facilities, Population Management, and Recidivism Reduction Programs

19. Support proposals that would fund and/or support programs to track the recidivism rates of justice-involved individuals at the county level.

Justification: New policy. Under various State criminal justice programs, counties are required to serve more justice-involved individuals, ideally through new, progressive programs aimed at reducing recidivism. However, there is no State funding dedicated to help counties track the recidivism reduction success rates of these programs. The Probation Department reports that they can complete recidivism data runs on a very limited basis, as they do not have dedicated resources to conduct this very time consuming and intensive work. This policy would allow the County to support proposals to provide State funding to track recidivism reduction rates, including staffing and information system resources. Such data would help the County to better gauge the effectiveness of State and local programs and improve services. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office; concurred by the Sheriff's Department and Probation Department)**

6.9 Animal Care and Control

5. Support proposals that clarify that the statutory mandate to release dogs facing euthanasia to rescue organizations upon demand does not require the release of dogs that pose both an unacceptable risk of harm to the public and a significant liability to the municipal agency.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control (ACC) reports that current law, referred to as "Hayden's Law", focuses on the protection of "adoptable animals," defined to include only those animals that have manifested no sign of a behavioral defect that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet. This is reiterated in the Food and Agricultural Code, Penal Code, and Civil Code. However, it is not specifically cited in the provisions that require the release of dogs facing euthanasia to animal rescue organizations. ACC indicates that as a result, animal rescue organizations interpret that any and all dogs facing euthanasia, including those administratively or judicially declared to be potentially dangerous, vicious, or dangerous, must be released to them upon demand. This has led to confusion for animal rescue organizations and litigation against the County. ACC notes that the Courts have largely ruled that given the current statutory definition of "adoptable animals," potentially dangerous dogs facing euthanasia would not be eligible to be released. This policy would allow the County to sponsor or support legislation that would expressly reiterate that dangerous dogs are "unadoptable" and expressly excluded from release to animal rescue groups. Successful enactment of this clarifying language would address ongoing confusion and reduce costly litigation. **(Requested by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

6. Support proposals that provide regulation of non-profit animal rescue and adoption organizations, including providing standards for the: 1) care of animals in their custody; 2) identification of adoptive owners and licensing of animals; and 3) compliance with tax reporting laws.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control (ACC) reports that currently, the only requirement needed to operate a non-profit animal rescue organization is the filing of a tax form and articles of incorporation. ACC notes that while pet shops are heavily regulated and best-practice standards have been imposed on boarding facilities, rescue organizations are virtually unregulated and unmonitored by any government agency. In addition, there is no regulatory body to which the public may report issues to regarding an organization's operations. ACC indicates that this has allowed unethical business operators to adopt a 'non-

profit rescue' business model in order to escape regulation. These operators and others import animals from other states and countries, calling them "rescued," and sell these animals over the Internet, transactions which are also unregulated. ACC notes that this lack of oversight of an increasingly large segment of the animal industry threatens to negate the progress made in recent decades by animal welfare legislation. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that would require that animal rescue organizations be subject to similar standards of care and record-keeping as for-profit pet shops and pet boarding facilities. **(Requested by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

7. Support proposals that expressly exempt municipal animal shelters from the imposition of strict liability for injuries caused by animals housed in their care.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control (ACC) reports that past court rulings provide the County some protections from strict liability that is imposed on animal owners for harm, including unforeseen harm, caused by their animals. However, ACC indicates that this protection is neither absolute and final, nor universally known or adhered to across the State. Strict liability is the legal responsibility for damages or injury even if the person found strictly liable was not at fault or negligent, but under law are liable for the actions. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that would clarify that animal shelters, whom are mandated to accept all unwanted animals regardless of their condition, would not be held strictly liable for the unforeseen harm caused by the animals in the agency's care. **(Requested by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

8. Support proposals that authorize animal control officers, when trained and certified, to administer controlled substances in the field for the limited purpose of euthanizing animals that are irremediably suffering.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control (ACC) reports that animal control officers routinely encounter severely injured and gravely ill animals in the field, including large wildlife. The movement and transportation of these animals to a veterinary or shelter facility often causes increased suffering for the animal, plus creates a more unpredictable and dangerous situation for both the officer and the public. ACC notes that with the County's population becoming ever denser, euthanasia by gunshot by an armed law enforcement officer is seldom a practical solution. Many animal control officers are certified in the use of sodium pentobarbital as a safe means of euthanasia in the shelter environment, or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. However, veterinary staff is typically not available at or near an outside location. It is not practical, timely, or economical to obtain veterinary assistance in the field or after business hours. This policy would allow the County to support legislation that would authorize animal control officers to euthanize animals that are irremediably suffering, negating continued suffering of the animal and mitigating public safety risks. **(Requested by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

9. Support proposals that establish minimum statewide training standards for animal control officers.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Animal Care and Control (ACC) reports that currently, no initial or continuing education or training is required for animal control officers (ACOs). The only course required by law is a 40-hour "Laws of Arrest" course that every security guard in the State must complete. ACC notes that ACOs are no longer mere "dog catchers" chasing strays. They enforce State and local laws pertaining to animals, protecting both public safety and animal welfare; and therefore, need to be professionally trained in updated procedures, legal changes, and improved methods, as is required for all other law enforcement officers in the State. ACC indicates that ACOs often encounter the same dangerous situations as traditional law enforcement

officers, but without any personal protection devices. ACC notes that it is not always feasible to have traditional law enforcement accompany ACOs on calls. As such, ACOs require training to safely and properly serve the public and deal with all dangerous situations effectively. **(Requested by the Department of Animal Care and Control)**

8. MENTAL HEALTH

24. Support proposals that increase opportunities for and streamline the siting of mental health residential and outpatient treatment facilities.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) reports that while there is a pressing need for more treatment facilities and funding is available to expand capacity, it is extremely difficult to site the facilities due to community opposition, lack of clarity in definitions of different facility types, and a lack of zones that permit treatment facilities. Given the two high-level priorities, returning incarcerated persons with mental illness to their communities and addressing the needs of homeless persons with mental illness, DMH recommends support of any opportunity to site and build mental health treatment resources more expeditiously. **(Requested by the Department of Mental Health; concurred by the Department of Regional Planning)**

25. Support legislation that allows Medi-Cal reimbursement for mental health services and primary care services provided to the same individual on the same day.

Justification: New policy. The Federal government has lifted the restriction that prohibited same day billing for mental health and physical health appointments. Clear integration of mental and physical health treatment leads to better health outcomes. However, the Department of Mental Health (DMH) indicates that the State of California still has a law that prohibits such billing. DMH notes that as we move to integrated care, this barrier should be eliminated. **(Requested by the Department of Mental Health)**

10. SOCIAL SERVICES

10.2 CalWORKs

~~20. Support proposals that reimburse counties for payments and services to children who receive General Relief/General Assistance not aided by CalWORKs due to the Maximum Family Grant rule and live in a family where no one else is receiving a CalWORKs grant.~~

Justification: The Department of Public Social Services notes that AB 1603 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2016), includes the County-supported repeal of the Maximum Family Grant rule effective January 1, 2017; therefore, this policy is no longer needed. **(Requested by the Department of Public Social Services)**

10.6 In-Home Supportive Services

~~6. Oppose proposals to repeal or modify the agreed upon fiscal framework of the In-Home Supportive Services Maintenance of Effort which would result in cost shifts to counties.~~

6. Support proposals to develop a new funding allocation methodology for the In-Home Supportive Services Program which ensures equitable funding to sustain the program, mitigates cost shifts to counties, and stabilizes 1991 Realignment revenues for county programs.

Justification: Delete policy Item 6 and replace with a new policy related to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE). The FY 2017-18 State Budget Act eliminated the IHSS MOE which capped county costs for IHSS based on FY 2011-12 expenditure levels with an annual growth on 3.5 percent. The Budget established a new county MOE base with an annual inflation factor which will increase to seven percent in FY 2019-20 and redirects all 1991 Realignment Vehicle License Fee growth revenues from Health, Mental Health and the County Mental Health Services Program subaccounts to IHSS for the next three years. This action will result in significant County costs after FY 2019-20. Given the volatility of 1991 Realignment revenues, the Administration agreed to budget language which requires the State to work with the key stakeholders to reexamine the 1991 Realignment funding structure in the development of the FY 2019-20 State Budget. This policy will allow the County to support proposals to develop a new allocation methodology which will sustain funding for the IHSS Program, mitigate cost shifts to counties, and stabilize 1991 Realignment revenues for county health and social services programs. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office)**

11. TRANSPORTATION

28. Support proposals that provide funding, support or flexibility to local governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives, consistent with Vision Zero, including flexibility establishing enforceable speed limits.

Justification: New policy. The Department of Public Works (DPW) reports that the Board of Supervisors adopted a Vision Zero policy in February 2017, directing DPW and the Department of Public Health in concert with other County Departments and public agencies, to reduce and work towards eliminating traffic-related fatalities in the unincorporated areas of the County. Vision Zero is an international movement that relies on an integration of engineering, education, enforcement, and evaluation to reduce and ultimately eliminate traffic fatalities. The National Highway Safety Administration recently released a report citing speeding as the leading cause of death in traffic collisions, and identified the need to provide greater flexibility to local transportation agencies in setting and enforcing speeds (reducing speed limits) on roadways to ensure speeds are safe for all roadway users. **(Requested by the Department of Public Works)**

13. CANNABIS

Justification: Proposed new section to accommodate Board-approved policies specific to cannabis. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office)**

1. Support proposals that provide State funding to local governments for use in connection with and/or to implement local and regional regulatory activity, programs and services related to cannabis.

Justification: New Policy. Following the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, local governments, including the County, will incur costs to educate constituents about health and safety concerns associated with cannabis use, enforce new laws, and provide treatment and prevention services. While Proposition 64 established some funding opportunities for local governments, the Office of Cannabis Management reports that those funding sources will fall short of expected costs. The State of California will apply a 15 percent excise tax and a per-square-foot cultivation tax on all cannabis licensed to be grown or sold in California. Under State law, this tax revenue will be used to satisfy the State's regulatory costs before it will be placed in specified fund balances and designated for certain uses. This policy would allow the County to support proposals that would provide local governments resources to respond to the increased costs related to the legalization of the cannabis industry. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**

2. Support proposals that ensure cannabis and its products are appropriately packaged and labeled to prevent accidental ingestion; and that reduce accessibility, advertising, marketing and packaging of cannabis and its products in a way that directly or indirectly encourages consumption by people under the age of 21 years.

Justification: New Policy. The Department of Public Health (DPH) reports that following the legalization of recreational marijuana use in Colorado in 2012, there have been increases in poison center calls and emergency room visits among adults and children for exposure to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the primary intoxicant in cannabis. This is largely due to accidental ingestion of cannabis edible products. The Office of Cannabis Management also reports that studies show that youth are one of the groups most at risk for experiencing harms associated with regular cannabis use. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**

3. Support proposals that restrict cannabis advertising in broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications, and advertising or sponsorship at events such as concerts, fairs, festivals, and sporting events, where less than 85 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older.

Justification: New Policy. The Office of Cannabis Management indicates that the Los Angeles County Advisory Working Group on Cannabis Regulation, a 17-member working group consisting of representatives from each Supervisorial District, public health professionals, drug policy experts, and cannabis industry representatives, among others, recommended the specific language in the policy statement. This policy would allow the County to support legislation which seeks to strengthen prohibitions on marketing of cannabis to children. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**

4. Support proposals that standardize cannabis dosing or set potency limits.

Justification: New Policy. While no reported case of a fatal overdose has occurred, hospitalizations and calls to poison control are not uncommon and have increased with adult-use

cannabis legalization, and some reports of acute mental disturbances resulting in injury or suicide have been reported. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**

5. Support proposals that authorize local governments to address safety issues regarding cannabis and its products, including providing tools and funding to initiate and execute product recalls at the local level.

Justification: New Policy. This policy will help to support proposals that ensure that DPH has the necessary authority, resources, and funding to initiate and expedite product recalls without having to wait for the State to take action. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**

6. Support proposals to protect the health and safety, as well as the security, of consumers and workers in the cannabis industry, including, but not limited to, preventing pesticides from being used in concentrations that are harmful or the utilization of volatile solvents.

Justification: New Policy. The cannabis industry involves new hazards including safety concerns related to crime, as well as safety and health concerns endemic to cannabis manufacturing and cultivation operations, which may utilize volatile solvents, carbon dioxide, and toxins such as pesticides. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**

7. Support proposals that establish an effective and scientifically-based standard to determine when a person who has consumed marijuana is too impaired to operate a vehicle, heavy machinery, or perform any other activity that puts public health or safety at risk.

Justification: New Policy. The Office of Cannabis Management reports that there is no established scientific standard that is equivalent to known blood-alcohol content levels. Cannabis' active ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), can stay in the body for days. Although present science does not support a universal, "specific level" of blood impairment for cannabis, research is being conducted to develop a test that law enforcement could use to determine impairment from THC. The driving while under the influence of drugs standard must be scientifically valid and evidence based. Without that the standard will be arbitrary, and as has been seen in other states, juries routinely disregard such standards. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**

8. Support proposals that provide licensed cannabis businesses access to financial services and products, such as bank accounts, payroll systems, and credit and debit cards systems that are standard in other retail industries.

Justification: New Policy. Cannabis is considered a Schedule 1 narcotic by the Federal government and, for this reason, cannabis businesses are not able to utilize standard financial services, such as bank accounts and credit cards. The cannabis industry is therefore mostly a cash industry which makes them a target for robbery and other crimes. In addition, local governments collecting cannabis tax revenue in cash face logistical problems and safety hazards. **(Requested by the Chief Executive Office – Office of Cannabis Management)**



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GENERAL STATE LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

The County will seek to maximize State revenues; full funding for the costs of State programs; additional funding for programs where service needs have outpaced stagnant or slow growing revenues; funding formulae which ensure an equitable allocation of State funding; minimize the adverse impact of State actions; achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds; secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-General Fund sources, to preserve the County's property tax, sales tax, locally-imposed taxes or fees, or Vehicle License Fee revenue base; oppose the shift of programs unless control is also shifted and State funding is guaranteed; and to oppose new unfunded mandates unless they promote a higher priority. The County also will:

1. Oppose any legislation or regulation that would transfer to Los Angeles County or its residents any costs or revenue losses incurred by another jurisdiction.
2. Support or sponsor a constitutional amendment to reallocate to local school districts the property tax revenue derived from State-assessed properties in exchange for reallocation of non-Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund property tax revenues derived from the local roll.
3. Support proposals to restructure State and local service responsibilities if they: create a nexus between authority, responsibility, accountability, and revenues; promote program effectiveness and cost containment; and recognize the limited fiscal capacity of counties by transferring sufficient revenue in the first and subsequent years.
4. Oppose legislation to change the definition of revenue neutrality in special cases, unless other entities are protected from unintended legal precedents by language narrowly justifying the need for special legislation.
5. Support proposals that reduce the two-thirds vote requirement for increasing revenues.
6. Oppose legislation that would constitute State unfunded land use and general plan-related mandates on local governments.
7. Oppose any abridgement or elimination of the Board of Supervisors' powers and duties unless the change promotes a higher priority of the Board.
8. Support proposals to address the State budget shortfall for which the County would be willing to assume a fair share of budget cuts if they are developed with the active participation of the County in designing long-term solutions throughout the entire budget process.
9. Support proposals for constitutional amendments that guarantee secure, adequate and permanent revenue and provide specific County protections for programs transferred from the State to counties.
10. Oppose the transfer of programs from the State to counties unless program control and flexibility is also shifted and adequate State funding is guaranteed.

11. Oppose proposals to amend the Constitution or existing law to mandate the number of persons serving on the Board of Supervisors or other changes to the County's governance structure, or limit the budget of county governing bodies.

1. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

1.1 Child Welfare Services

1. Support increased funding for family preservation programs.
2. Support legislation to maintain the full Child Welfare Services allocation independent of actual caseload for up to five years to cover the increased costs of implementing new programs to improve outcomes for children by allowing them to remain safely at home, shorten their length of stay in care and reduce re-abuse.
3. Support proposals to ensure full funding for the Child Welfare Services Program, including increased funding to cover all mandated services, pursuant to the SB 2030 (Chapter 785, Statutes of 1998) Workload Study and the fully loaded costs of a social worker.
4. Oppose proposals that would reduce protections for child welfare workers in the legitimate exercise of their discretion in the performance of their duties, thereby increasing liability to the County.
5. Oppose unfunded mandates that do not enhance child safety or expedited permanence.
6. Support proposals to enhance adoptions by increasing funding for adoption activities and post-adoption services, and expanding to out-of-state private adoption agencies the payments currently authorized to California private adoption agencies for the unreimbursed costs of placing children for adoption.
7. Support funding of initial and forensic medical examinations in child abuse cases.
8. Support funding for parenting programs aimed at teens and child care services for teen parents.
9. Support legislation that increases funding for the use of family group conferencing and team decision-making to develop an individualized plan for the care of each child.
10. Support legislation to clarify that agencies providing services to a family may share case information and to prioritize research or data sharing designed to evaluate the results of service integration.
11. Support legislation to streamline Dependency Court procedures while ensuring the safety and best interests of children.
12. Support proposals that simplify Welfare and Institutions Code Statutes regarding notice of dependency hearings.

13. Support proposals that promote collaboration between child welfare, parks and recreation, and law enforcement agencies to enhance the County's ability to establish partnerships and develop programs that improve the quality of life for children.
14. Support proposals to clarify and provide for social workers' access to dependent children's medical, counseling, and education records.
15. Support proposals to fund Child Welfare Services outcome improvements included in the County's Self-Improvement Plan, including Point of Engagement, the State's AB 636 (Chapter 678, Statutes of 2001) Outcomes and Accountability System and the Federal Children and Family Services Review.
16. Support proposals that increase the types of professionals required to report suspected cases of child abuse.
17. Support proposals that enhance and improve child safety.
18. Support proposals to open Juvenile Court Dependency hearings to the public.
19. Support proposals which expand and enhance the technology used by child welfare agencies to improve child safety.
20. Support legislation to allow law enforcement agencies to submit information on cases of known or suspected child abuse or severe neglect for inclusion in the Child Abuse Central Index.
21. Support legislation to allow social workers to authorize medical, dental and mental health assessments and screenings for detained children in the dependency system.
22. Support proposals to restore the hearsay exception for health care practitioners in jurisdictional hearings under the Welfare and Institutions Code.
23. Support proposals that provide funding to reduce caseloads for dependency court appointed counsel.
24. Support proposals that allow child welfare agencies to access sealed juvenile court records to determine the re-entry, appropriate placement and needed services for youth.
25. Support proposals to clarify the status of a non-custodial parent in juvenile court proceedings.
26. Support proposals to provide adequate funding for the California Fostering Connections to Success Act established under AB 12 (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010).
27. Support proposals that allow county auditor investigators, acting within the scope of their duties, access to juvenile case file records of children in foster care or probation to investigate allegations of misconduct by county employees or contractors.

1.2 Child Welfare Services – Foster Care

1. Support continued eligibility of immigrant foster children for Medi-Cal and Foster Care funds.
2. Support proposals to increase appropriate foster care resources by funding targeted recruitment, review of existing foster care payment rates to ensure equity and appropriateness, and professionalizing foster parenting.
3. Support State reimbursement for the placement of dependent children who are eligible for regional center services, in for-profit group homes, when a not-for-profit facility is unavailable.
4. Support proposals that would allow counties to secure increased Federal funds for foster care and other services provided to abused and neglected children at no increased net cost to the State General Fund.
5. Support legislation and funding to allow the California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division and local government to make unannounced visits to Foster Family Agency certified homes.
6. Support efforts which enhance legal permanency for children in foster care by promoting kinship adoption, enhancing Kin-GAP and supporting subsidized legal guardianship without requiring the full array of ongoing court and Child Welfare Services.
7. Support legislation and funding to facilitate successful emancipation, promote self-sufficiency and improve opportunities for youth aging out of foster care.
8. Support proposals which allow the sharing of information concerning family homes certified by foster family agencies to prevent the licensure, approval and/or re-certification of previously de-certified homes.
9. Support proposals to simplify foster care program eligibility requirements.
10. Support proposals to enhance permanency for children by streamlining and consolidating the separate studies and criminal clearances that must be administered to a caregiver for licensure, approval, and adoption.
11. Support proposals and funding to ensure that the educational system appropriately meets the educational needs of children in foster care, including improved monitoring of non-public schools.
12. Support proposals that provide and fund substance abuse treatment services for children and parents in the Child Welfare Services system.
13. Support proposals to shorten the timeframes to achieve permanence, including expanding the court's authority to expedite permanency by limiting reunification services on all children if the parent has failed to participate regularly and make substantive progress in the case plan.

14. Support proposals which allow flexibility in the use of funds to provide services to families and caregivers to strengthen their parenting abilities and prevent the need for placement, shorten the length of stay and reduce re-abuse.
15. Support funding for proposals that would expand searches for relatives, provide technical assistance and training so that permanent, lifelong connections for children and youth of all ages can be achieved.
16. Support proposals that achieve permanency for previously adopted children who have returned to the foster care system as a result of an adoption disruption or the death or incapacitation of an adoptive parent.
17. Support proposals that reduce use of out-of-home placement because the best interests of children are served when they can safely remain with their parents or guardian.
18. Support proposals that improve timelines for permanent placement of dependent children to provide a safe, permanent family connection and promote emotional health, well-being, and stability.
19. Support proposals to secure credit reports for foster youth.
20. Support proposals to fully fund Emancipated Youth Stipends and the Independent Living Program.
21. Support proposals that enhance the State monitoring of foster family agencies, group homes and State licensed foster homes, including both staff and the homes where children are placed.
22. Support proposals to provide counties full access to a database of criminal waivers and criminal history of employees and foster parents of foster family agencies, group homes and State licensed foster homes.
23. Support proposals that clarify existing law to provide priority enrollment to foster children and children with parents under Child Protective Services supervision in subsidized child care development services.
24. Support proposals to fund county activities related to monitoring the administration of psychotropic medication prescribed to children in foster care.
25. Support proposals that ensure that young children in the child welfare system, including those in foster care, have access to early care and child development programs for which they are eligible and prioritized.
26. Support proposals that provide adequate funding and support to counties to ensure the successful implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform under AB 403 (Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015).
27. Support proposals which address the utilization of psychotropic medication on vulnerable youth.

28. Support proposals to protect the reproductive rights of foster youth through access to sexual health education and information, and that provide child welfare workers with training to provide these services.
29. Support proposals that provide funding for educational, enrichment, and extra-curricular activities for foster youth.
30. Support proposals that improve post-secondary educational attainment for foster youth, including increasing access to financial aid awards, providing assistance with completing necessary forms and documents, and increasing access to on-campus support.

1.3 Child Care and Child Development

1. Support efforts to enhance the quality of early care and education that set high standards for all services and program types and address the needs of all children including those with disabilities and other special needs, and their families.
2. Support efforts to develop and implement a statewide quality rating and improvement system and a system to adjust reimbursement rates based on demonstrated quality.
3. Support efforts to develop and sustain a well-educated and highly skilled professional workforce prepared to serve the cultural and linguistically diverse child and family populations of Los Angeles County.
4. Support efforts to ensure the health and safety of all children cared for in licensed early care and education facilities as afforded by timely, regular, and frequent on-site monitoring by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division.
5. Support efforts to adequately fund high-quality early care and education services for all children from low- and moderate-income families.
6. Support the streamlining of California Department of Education administrative processes to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of early care and education funding to meet the needs of families.
7. Support proposals designed to prevent, detect, investigate and, when appropriate, prosecute fraud in subsidized child care and development programs.
8. Support efforts to ensure that vulnerable children and their families have access to consistent, uninterrupted subsidized early care and education services.
9. Support proposals that expand the supply of early care and education services through facility development in communities with a significant shortage of these services.

2. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

2.1 Air Quality

1. Support proposals and/or funding to assist local governments to: 1) purchase zero and/or near zero emission vehicles, including plug-in and hybrid vehicles, idle reduction devices, electric vehicle charging infrastructure; 2) purchase low carbon refueling infrastructure; 3) make necessary facility improvements; and/or 4) accelerate the replacement of fleet vehicles to enable the shift toward more fuel-efficient vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality.
2. Support funding to assist local government compliance with existing and pending regulations to reduce emissions from both mobile and fixed sources.
3. Support measures to develop and increase the availability and use of alternative fuels, and retrofit of existing generators and fleets.
4. Oppose cuts in assistance to local government fuel emission reduction programs.
5. Support measures that promote the development of low carbon fuels and other feasible technologies that help meet Federal and State air quality standards.
6. Support measures that allow for innovation and local flexibility in developing, maintaining, and expanding cost-effective programs that increase vehicle ridership.
7. Support legislation that provides increased funding for the reduction of particulate matter and nitrous oxide emissions from diesel-powered vehicles and equipment.
8. Support proposals that provide authority to local and regional agencies to reduce locomotive, railyard, port, and mobile source emissions.
9. Oppose proposals that would eliminate or diminish the authority of local air districts or jurisdictions to impose regulations that improve air quality and protect public health.
10. Support proposals that return a greater share of funds to local areas which generate AB 2766 (Chapter 1705, Statutes of 1990) revenues, and provide greater flexibility to local programs to comply with air quality rules and regulations.
11. Support measures that require local air districts, through their On-Road Vehicle Mitigation Options, provide for emission reduction credit to employers that install Electric Vehicle Service Equipment (EVSE) or plug-in electric vehicle chargers for their employees use.
12. Support legislation that would allow public agencies to procure on-road, diesel-electric powered, hybrid vehicles to be deployed as fleet work vehicles.
13. Oppose legislation that provides broad and categorical California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for the South Coast Air Quality Management District with respect to emission credits and the issuance of permits.

14. Support legislation that provides narrow and tailored exemptions to immediately allow essential public projects, hospitals, and historically exempted projects such as small businesses to gain South Coast Air Quality Management District permits, and emission credits.
15. Support legislation that seeks to reduce cumulative impacts of air emissions in densely populated urban environments.
16. Support legislation which would: 1) extend California's efforts to combat climate change by setting interim and long-range targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; 2) provide flexibility to adjust the State's GHG emission reduction strategies based on changing technological and economic conditions; and 3) prioritize complementary goals of job creation, improved public health, technology innovation and regional policy collaboration.

2.2 Beaches

1. Support measures that provide funding for beach erosion and accretion monitoring and for beach sand replenishment, including full funding of the Public Beach Restoration Act (Chapter 798, Statutes of 1999).
2. Support funding to maintain clean beaches and improve the water quality of coastal waters, estuaries, bays, and near shore waters.
3. Support funding for refurbishment and construction of restrooms, parking lots, accessways, lifeguard and maintenance facilities, docks, landscaping and other related beach and marina infrastructure on public beaches and at Marina del Rey.
4. Support proposals to include beaches in the definition of parks for the purpose of qualifying for park funding programs, if the beaches are in densely populated urban areas and are used by large numbers of residents as if they were an urban park.
5. Oppose legislation to provide the Coastal Commission additional discretion in approving permits for construction of seawalls, revetments, breakwaters, groins, harbor channels, or similar structures.
6. Oppose legislation to establish an off-leash dog beach in Los Angeles County unless it provides for State indemnification of the County and an appropriation to fund all additional County costs associated with an off-leash dog beach program.
7. Support legislation that provides for full funding for the local operation, maintenance, management, planning, and development of State-owned beaches managed by the County, such as Will Rogers State Beach and Dockweiler State Beach, securing an equitable allocation of State funding for locally operated units of the State Park System.
8. Support proposals to fully preserve the California Department of Boating and Waterways.

9. Support legislation to extend concession lease terms on State-owned facilities, including those which are under local control, when the concessionaire intends to make an investment in the property or increase revenues to the State or local operator.
10. Support proposals to secure funding for grant programs and financial incentives for green initiatives in marinas.
11. Oppose legislation that would authorize State agencies to reclaim or appropriate in-lieu fees held in account by local jurisdictions unless such fees are spent on projects located within the jurisdiction where the fees originated.

2.3 Environmental Protection and Open Space

1. Support increased funding for environmental protection programs and capital projects, including resource, open space, and shoreline protection, as well as Santa Monica Bay and beach restoration.
2. Support proposals to establish a statewide endowment fund to protect, restore, and maintain natural resource areas, such as mountains, forests, beaches, park natural areas, preserves, wildlife/wildflower sanctuaries, greenways, riparian corridors, trails, and other natural environments containing ecological, geological, habitat, cultural, recreational, and scenic value.
3. Support proposals to streamline the permitting process and provide funding for the control, removal and/or eradication of invasive species that negatively affect natural landscape, open space areas, water quality, and water supply.
4. Support legislation to promote environmentally friendly programs that address reasonable protection of resources such as pesticide use, care of trees, ecological systems and open space, and use of gray and reclaimed water.
5. Support measures to promote the preservation and restoration of Los Angeles County mountain, bay, watershed, river, oak woodlands, and wetland areas.
6. Support legislation that provides property tax credit for the recording of open space and conservation easements on property.
7. Support legislation to collect a fee of up to \$6 upon the annual registration or renewal of motor vehicle registrations to fund projects and grants that prevent, reduce, remediate, or mitigate the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicles and their associated facilities and other infrastructure improvement projects.
8. Support legislation that would exempt routine maintenance and operation of existing publicly owned facilities and temporary and emergency measures from Regional Board permits, Streambed Alteration Agreements, State Fish and Game requirements or other agencies' permit processes as well as any compensatory mitigation requirements of State agencies.

9. Support legislation that streamlines State agencies' permitting processes, clarifies State application information requirements, reduces delays in approval times, and reduces the cost for acquiring permits from State agencies for construction, maintenance projects and actions taken by public agencies to protect public health and safety due to emergencies, such as fires, floods and earthquakes; and support legislation that would require State regulatory agencies to report regularly on their performance in complying with the State's Permit Streamlining Act.
10. Support legislation that would enable the County to comply with various environmental regulations, such as by minimizing the generation of pollutants at their source.
11. Sponsor or support legislation that would require the California Environmental Protection Agency and its affiliated agencies (including but not limited to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Regional Water Boards) to ensure that consultants hired to conduct and complete State mandated contamination investigations and related health assessments are independent from the identified contaminating party or parties.
12. Support measures to fund and expedite the required assessment and cleanup of properties contaminated by lead, arsenic, antimony or other hazardous substances, including increased State funding and adequate resources to protect the safety and well-being of residents of the communities affected by such contamination.
13. Support legislative and/or administrative proposals to enable local governments and the State to require responsible parties to clean up contamination caused by hazardous substances and to facilitate the recovery of local governments and/or State clean-up costs from such responsible parties.
14. Support proposals that provide State funding for environmental protection and health, sustainable communities, climate resiliency, and greenhouse gas reduction programs at the local level.
15. Support proposals which seek to reform and improve the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's enforcement of hazardous waste laws and regulations; regulation of facilities handling toxic substances; enforcement actions against violators; cleanup of contaminated properties; decisions on permit applications; and community engagement.
16. Support proposals that: 1) establish a statewide lead advisory taskforce to review and provide recommendations regarding policies and procedures to reduce lead poisoning in the State; 2) require owners or operators of a permitted hazardous waste facility to meet a specified schedule for submittal of a permit renewal application; and 3) ensure manufacturer fees are paid by out-of-state entities selling lead-acid batteries in California.
17. Support transportation, parks, water conservation, and other related funding proposals which would ensure greenway development, protection, restoration, and enhancement are eligible for funding allocations.

2.4 Parks

1. Support proposals to fund for acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of parks and recreation facilities and open space, and seek additional funding for the establishment of new urban parks in the underserved areas of the County.
2. Support legislation that provides for full funding for the local operation, maintenance, management, planning and development of State-owned parks and open space areas managed by the County, such as Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and Placerita Canyon State Park, securing an equitable allocation of State funding for locally-operated units of the State Park System.
3. Support proposals to fund and promote partnering opportunities with social service agencies and schools for youth programs, services, and facilities that incorporate positive recreation alternatives and that provide employment opportunities for youth.
4. Support legislation that promotes innovative programs that provide alternatives to gang activity and encourage the employment of at-risk youth.
5. Support proposals to fund or promote partnering opportunities with social service and health agencies to increase healthy activities and exercise programs in parks for youth and adults.
6. Support proposals to fund after-school programs in park facilities and schools operated by parks and recreation agencies, with special incentives and funding for programs in identified high-crime areas.
7. Support proposals which promote partnering opportunities with social and health service agencies and allow park and recreation programs to be eligible for State preventive health funding.
8. Support proposals to fund the urban reforestation programs of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
9. Support proposals to fund State mandated fingerprinting of all park staff and volunteers responsible for supervision of minors.
10. Oppose legislation that would increase exposure to, or reduce immunities from, governmental liability related to the ownership, construction, operation, or maintenance of recreational facilities.
11. Support proposals to fund for new and expanded programs that encourage all children to participate in outdoor recreational activities and programs that involve increased physical activity to address the obesity issue in our youth.
12. Support proposals to fund programs at park facilities that build social connections between parents and their community and to provide information about child development and effective parenting strategies.

13. Support or pursue legislation to expand funding sources available to the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District and make technical updates to the District's enabling legislation.

2.5 Watershed Management and Flood Control

1. Support proposals to fund grants for projects that link watershed management, environmental restoration, recreation, open space, and beach improvements.
2. Support proposals which promote environmentally-friendly flood control improvements and projects, and do not diminish the performance of flood control systems, and oppose legislation or State mandates that would reduce existing levels of flood protection.
3. Oppose legislation that would grant cities the authority to set waste discharge standards for separate municipal sewer systems.
4. Support legislation to allow counties, flood control districts, and other public agencies to implement stormwater fees, upon voter approval and/or consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218 of 1996, to adequately fund clean water programs.
5. Support proposals that provide public agencies and special districts with immunities from liability to encourage development of multi-use watershed management, environmental restoration, open space, and recreation projects within flood protection and water conservation facilities.
6. Support proposals that incorporate the principles of the Safe Harbor Program, as established by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, into the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement for the development of watershed management and water quality enhancement projects.
7. Support proposals to fund river and stream education and interpretive facilities.
8. Support proposals that promote a shared Federal, State and local funding formula to pay for implementation of Total Maximum Daily Load and other storm water requirements and development of attainable and practical water quality regulations based on science and comprehensive analyses of the cost to comply.
9. Support legislation to fund the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of watershed, flood-risk management, or multi-use projects, including integrated water resource projects, and support legislation that would eliminate conflicting State regulations that hinder integrated water and flood risk management.
10. Support authorization and funding for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project, as required by AB 1147 (Chapter 1071, Statutes of 2000).
11. Support legislation that identifies financial incentives (such as no- or low-interest loans, tax credits, etc.) to assist and encourage the hundreds of thousands of California homeowners (rural, coastal and urban) who operate Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS), to test and structurally upgrade, as determined, their OWTS as required for compliance with AB 885 (Chapter 781, Statutes of 2000).

12. Support proposals that provide funding for the evaluation of structural and hydraulic conditions and rehabilitation of sewer infrastructure to reduce sanitary sewer overflows and for the protection of surface and ground water supply.
13. Support legislation that replaces outdated fecal bacteria indicator standards with public health related standards for pathogen levels in regulated receiving waters; applies the updated public health standards to monitoring activities; and provides funding for the monitoring.
14. Support proposals that prevent predatory flood insurance practices.
15. Support legislation which would give the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts the legal authority to assist local municipalities throughout the County in stormwater and dry weather runoff management projects.

2.6 Water Supply

1. Support proposals to fund counties and other local agencies to treat groundwater for the removal of arsenic, nutrients, salts, and other pollutants of concern to meet United States Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board standards.
2. Support funding to reduce or mitigate the introduction of and implement the aggressive removal of carcinogens, nutrients, salts, and other pollutants of concern from drinking water in Los Angeles County.
3. Support legislation to improve the reliability of water imported into Los Angeles County.
4. Support legislation to encourage water conservation and increase the efficiency of water use.
5. Oppose legislation that would create any requirements that impede the construction of water facilities, or reduce the supply of non-imported water to improved and developed areas.
6. Support proposals to fund for the design and construction of recycled water systems to reduce reliance on imported water and improve water supply reliability.
7. Support legislation that would promote groundwater banking programs and facilitate the regulatory approval process required for implementation of groundwater banking programs.
8. Support legislation that is directed at increasing the use of recycled water within Los Angeles County.
9. Support legislation that increases the use of recycled water to support efforts that will increase local water supply needs and make local water supplies more sustainable.

10. Support legislation to increase the reliability of State and local water supplies with appropriate infrastructure and equitable funding levels utilizing the following principles: Local Water Reliability and Conservation, Protection and Improvement of Water Quality, New Water Supplies, Conveyance and Storage, Equitable Allocation Criteria for Regional Projects, Bond Funding and Appropriations consistent with other County principles, and Delta Sustainability.
11. Support legislation that would allow water purveyors to achieve water conservation objectives.
12. Support legislation that would provide funding for technology to improve the efficiency of operation and maintenance of water supply systems.
13. Oppose legislation that would create new water quality requirements that would not result in clear, quantitative benefits to ratepayers.
14. Support legislation which allocates increased funding and necessary guidance to streamline regulatory agency permit processes to increase the reliability of State and local water supplies.
15. Support legislation which increases funding and streamlines the regulatory process for local governments' stormwater capture, flood control, water recycling, and groundwater recharge facilities and programs.
16. Support proposals to expand the ability of local agencies to take nuisance actions against water purveyors for violations of secondary drinking water standards of color and odor, require water purveyors to fully cooperate with local agencies' investigations, and provide a method of cost recovery for actions taken to abate a nuisance.
17. Support proposals to require water purveyors to provide information to customers regarding complaint processes, advance notice of non-emergency maintenance or repairs that may affect water quality, and timely results of complaint investigations.
18. Support legislation that requires State agencies to prioritize review and approval of water infrastructure projects and programs that increase State and/or local water supplies, including water recycling, surface water treatment, stormwater capture, flood control, and groundwater recharge facilities and programs, among others.
19. Support legislation that ensures a property served by an onsite wastewater treatment system (septic systems) is evaluated by a qualified professional as part of the sale of the property and increases reporting of the evaluation results to the local health officer or designated city officials.
20. Support legislation that would allow for and/or expedite the direct reuse of potable recycled water.

2.7 Recycling and Waste Reduction

1. Support proposals that increase flexibility for local agencies to meet the waste reduction goals of the California Integrated Waste Management Act.
2. Support legislation and policies which promote the development of alternatives to landfills such as conversion technologies that protect public health and safety and the environment; clarify the definition of conversion technologies; establish a viable permitting process for these alternatives based on performance standards rather than prescriptive definitions; ensure alternatives to landfills qualify for renewable energy production, landfill disposal reduction and reduced carbon fuels production incentives; provide full diversion and greenhouse gas emission reduction credits for these alternatives under applicable State law; and provide that all energy produced by conversion technology facilities be designated as renewable energy.
3. Support proposals to fund local governments for the environmentally safe management of hazardous and electronic waste.
4. Support legislation and funding to expand markets for diverted materials and support measures for Recycling Market Development Zones.
5. Support proposals that eliminate overlapping solid waste and recycling authority between State agencies/departments, and establish greater multi-disciplinary coordination of State environmental policies.
6. Support legislation to place greater emphasis on waste diversion program implementation, rather than relying primarily on quantity management, for the purpose of determining a local government's compliance with mandates established in the California Integrated Waste Management Act.
7. Support legislation to provide increased local government representation on the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.
8. Oppose legislation to eliminate diversion credits or recycling credits for the use of green waste as alternative daily cover.
9. Support legislation that would increase the use of recycled materials on highway construction, repair projects, and other public works projects.
10. Support legislation to provide funding for research and development that would assist local governments in developing and enhancing source reduction, recycling, and other waste diversion initiatives.
11. Support legislation to conduct a comprehensive environmental life-cycle assessment of waste management practices in California including waste reduction and recycling as well as the impact of materials transported outside of the State.
12. Support legislation that places greater emphasis on producer/manufacturer responsibility for the environmental impact of their products and the waste that is produced, and shifts end-of-life management and financial responsibilities from local

governments to producers, in order to reduce public costs and encourage improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

13. Support and pursue extended producer responsibility legislation and take-back programs for sharps and pharmaceuticals at the State level, consistent with the County's adopted Legislative Agenda and Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future.
14. Support legislation that provides or facilitates funding for and/or strengthens the ability of local governments to prevent and remediate illegal dumping of trash and rubbish, including open desert areas and vacant lands adjacent to low-income communities.
15. Support legislation which would reduce the negative environmental impacts of single-use items, such as expanded polystyrene food containers by: 1) shifting the burden of addressing those impacts away from residents and the County and toward the manufacturers of those products; 2) promoting more sustainable alternatives to such items; and 3) phasing out the use of those items on a statewide basis when environmentally preferable alternatives are available.
16. Support legislation which promotes market development and manufacturer stewardship of environmentally friendly food packaging products.
17. Support legislation which reduces the environmental impacts of single-use carryout bags and decreases the financial burden on local governments to address those impacts, and would not preempt stricter bag ordinances that local jurisdictions have enacted. Legislative proposals should seek to promote the use of reusable bags, reduce the use of plastic or paper carryout bags, and/or increase at-store recycling of carryout bags.
18. Support legislation to amend the provision of AB 2449, Chapter 845, Statutes of 2006, (Section 42252(a) of the Public Resources Code) to also require an environmental awareness message imprinted on each plastic carryout bag describing the negative impacts littered plastic carryout bags have on the environment and wildlife and the need to use reusable bags.
19. Support legislation that would exempt soils from undeveloped watersheds, such as lands in wilderness parks or open space properties, from testing requirements at landfills and streamline the process for landfills to accept clean soil for cover purposes or beneficial uses such as construction fill material for building roads.
20. Oppose legislation which bans new hazardous materials from landfill disposal unless the proposals also provide a funding mechanism and/or establish programs and guidelines for local governments to manage the banned materials.

3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

3.1 Retirement, Compensation and Benefits, and Workers' Compensation

1. Support or sponsor local option legislation to implement employee compensation or benefit changes, as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

2. Oppose legislation that mandates or authorizes compensation or benefit changes without approval of the Board of Supervisors.
3. Oppose legislation which would remove the Board of Supervisors' control over benefit increases or decreases in the Los Angeles County Retirement System that increase County cost.
4. Support legislation that promotes the timely provision of reasonable and necessary medical care and workers' compensation benefits while opposing legislation that erodes reforms accomplished by FY 2003-04 and FY 2011-12 workers' compensation reform legislation and oppose legislation that increases workers' compensation benefits unless it maintains a fair and equitable balance for employers and employees within the reforms previously adopted by the Legislature.
5. Support workers' compensation reform proposals that align public sector workers' compensation benefits with private sector benefits to the greatest extent practical.
6. Oppose legislation that mandates eligibility of additional employees for safety workers' compensation benefits or safety retirement benefit provisions.
7. Oppose legislation that expands existing or creates new presumptions related to injuries, illnesses, diseases, or physical conditions and that can be claimed as job-related for workers' compensation or service-connected disability retirement.
8. Oppose legislation that eliminates current requirements that employees demonstrate on-the-job exposure in order to qualify for workers' compensation or service-connected disability retirement benefits.
9. Support proposals to clarify the rights and responsibilities of the County to pay Advanced Disability Pension Benefits to safety members to ensure that all appropriate County costs are reimbursed.
10. Support legislation to fund the Public Interest Attorney Loan Repayment Program to assist in the recruitment and retention of public defenders and prosecutors, or any other student loan repayment assistance or forgiveness legislation which promotes the recruitment and retention of public defenders and prosecutors.
11. Support legislation to eliminate billing fraud or abuses of the workers' compensation system.
12. Support legislation to authorize local governments to implement retirement changes which may include: 1) a limitation on bonuses and other extraordinary pay such as overtime which may be included in pensionable income; 2) a revision of "final compensation" for purposes of calculating a retiree's pension from the highest one year to the average of the highest three years; 3) changes to retiree health plans to enable the County to adjust the design of the health plans to assist in controlling costs; and 4) coordination of benefits between disability retirement and workers' compensation permanent disability to prevent overlapping payments for the same disability.

13. Support pension reform changes and/or improvements that allow the County to recruit and retain highly-specialized personnel to provide critical health, mental health, legal, and other specialized services for County residents.
14. Support legislation allowing a public jurisdiction to terminate LC 4850, special work leave benefits for safety personnel, and authorize disability pension benefits when clear and convincing evidence exists that an employee's work-related disability will preclude the worker from ever returning to the performance of his or her duties.
15. Oppose legislation which would mandate specific changes to the County's employment relations commission structure, such as prescribing requirements for commissioner appointments.

3.2 Land Use Planning

1. Oppose legislation that infringes upon county board of supervisors' local land use decision-making authority.
2. Support proposals to impose liens on non-owner occupied properties to recover costs associated with code compliance enforcement.
3. Oppose legislation that imposes financial penalties on local governments for implementing zoning regulations that reduce the value of affected private properties.
4. Support legislation that promotes the development of housing sites near public transit hubs, discourages sprawl, or promotes urban design that encourages safe walking and cycling routes to commercial districts and schools if financed by a mutually agreed upon funding mechanism.
5. Support legislation which would bring uniformity to the California Coast Act, which currently allows approval of decisions by a coastal county on coastal permit applications for developments that are not designated as the principle permitted use under the certified zoning ordinance to be appealed, but does not allow for appeals of the same decisions made by a city or a city and county.
6. Support legislation which subjects sober-living homes to local zoning regulations.
7. Oppose legislation that would establish building standards outside of the existing building code adoption process or that would hinder effective administration and enforcement of building standards.
8. Support proposals that provide builders and/or developers incentives to incorporate Universal Design/Visitability features which ensure safe, easy access into all housing, including new or converted dwellings or multi-family units for all persons, regardless of age or physical disability.
9. Support proposals to fund counties and other local agencies for outreach programs to educate communities on how to integrate sustainable and water efficiency elements into development and renovation projects.

10. Support proposals to monitor regulatory proceedings initiated by AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006), SB 97 (Chapter 185, Statutes of 2007), and SB 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) and advocate for regulations that would: 1) preserve the County's flexibility in making California Environmental Quality Act determinations; and 2) incentivize actions by the County and other local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet AB 32 mandates both through their operations and their regulatory authority.
11. Support legislation to provide counties greater land use authority and regulatory authority over gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.
12. Support legislation that provides urban counties with the same authority that cities have under current law to exempt infill projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, as long as those projects meet the additional requirement that they are located within a locally-designated Transit Oriented Development district, or are within one-half mile of a fixed rail transit station.
13. Support legislation that provides expedited judicial review processes, similar to those provided in SB 292 (Chapter 353, Statutes of 2011), for the development of projects that provide vital public services, including hospitals, health clinics, fire and police/sheriff stations, communication facilities/systems, libraries, schools, transportation projects, and other vital government capital projects in the County that serve the public interest, as well as commercial, sports, cultural, recreational, and clean energy projects.
14. Oppose legislation that regulates or prohibits the California Science Center from negotiating lease agreements with public and/or private entities that support the establishment or maintenance of educational and cultural activities, tourism, and/or economic development.
15. Support legislation that seeks to prohibit the South Coast Air Quality Management District from regulating or prohibiting the use of any and all fire rings on beaches statewide and instead allow local jurisdictions to determine for themselves what is right for their areas and constituents.
16. Support legislation that would facilitate the County's ability to acquire and/or use government-owned land, buildings, and existing infrastructure to further local community needs.
17. Support proposals that provide the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) with an exemption from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for sites which are on publicly owned land, already contain antenna support structures and related infrastructure, and are not located on environmentally sensitive areas.
18. Support legislation which would streamline the review of a basketball arena and other related projects within the Inglewood Sports and Entertainment Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), consistent with other similar State-approved CEQA actions.

3.3 Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

1. Support proposals to increase State and industry funding for detection, exclusion, and eradication of pests, the Preventive (sterile) Release Program for Mediterranean Fruit Fly and other invasive pests, and inspection of nursery plants and products.
2. Support proposals to increase State and industry funding to improve the program to inspect and certify farmers' markets, and to effectively regulate producers participating in certified farmers' markets.
3. Support proposals to increase funding for the management of established pests, including invasive weeds, insects and vertebrates, and research to develop resistant plant varieties for established diseases such as Pierce's Disease and Sudden Oak Death.
4. Support increased funding to regulate economic poisons (pesticides) to protect food and fiber crops, and ornamental landscape to ensure the safety of workers and the public, and to protect the quality of the environment.
5. Support proposals which strengthen the compliance of the structural fumigation industry in the safe handling of registered fumigants, and promote the safe use and handling of pesticides among workers and the general public.
6. Support proposals that increase the allocation of unclaimed refunded gas tax revenues generated from farming and horticultural activities to counties for use by county agricultural commissioners to provide services to support regulatory oversight of agricultural producers and to enhance local programs related to agriculture.
7. Oppose legislation that impedes the control of rodents, invasive species, and enforcement of pesticide use laws and regulations.

3.4 Consumer Protection and Fair Business Practices

1. Support legislation to protect consumers by providing increased and more reliable product quantity and price information to facilitate value comparisons and transaction accuracy in sales or purchases of any commodities or materials according to weight, measure or count.
2. Support legislation to exempt weights and measures regulatory vehicles from hazardous materials regulations, provided such vehicles do not enter public roadways when carrying such materials.
3. Support legislation to prohibit products recalled or banned by the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission from being resold in thrift shops, flea markets, pawn shops, retail stores, and/or used in child care facilities.
4. Support proposals which allow for the County's full recovery of costs related to enforcement of laws governing commercial weighing and measuring device accuracy, packaging and sales of commodities, the quality of motor vehicle fuels, and the accuracy of prices charged in retail transactions.

5. Support proposals that provide funding to the County Sealer for inspections of recycling centers to ensure citizens receive full value for their redeemed beverage containers.
6. Support proposals that promote effective price verification inspections by enhancing funding and encouraging investigations focusing on problem pricing areas and practices.
7. Support proposals that maintain or increase funding for the Dispute Resolution Program.
8. Support proposals to allow or grant local governments the authority to adopt local consumer protection standards and enforcement mechanisms.
9. Support proposals that allow counties to preserve the administration, structure, responsibilities and funding of the Dispute Resolution Program.
10. Oppose measures that expand commercial use of individual medical records for direct marketing or promotional purposes since this is not only an invasion of patients' medical privacy and implied confidentiality, but it may also disclose their private health, medical, and diagnostic information without their permission.
11. Support legislation to enhance the County's existing Homeowner Notification Program to include the notification and application of a surcharge when notices of default or sale are recorded to inform property owners and lawful occupants of the property of real estate fraud protection and foreclosure prevention options.
12. Oppose legislation that exempts any commercially-used weighing or measuring device, packaged commodity, petroleum product, automated retail checkout system or business transactional operation from laws and regulations applicable to these items under Weights and Measures regulatory activities.
13. Support proposals that protect consumers from debt collectors and debt buyers who engage in unfair and abusive debt collection practices and litigation.
14. Support proposals that maintain or increase funding for the Small Claims Advisor Program and simplify the small claims filing process for individual consumers and small businesses.
15. Support proposals to strengthen consumer protections with regard to business filings requirements by establishing stricter registration requirements for process servers.
16. Support proposals that increase protections for consumers against fraud, scams, and unfair or deceptive business practices.
17. Support legislation that protects businesses from deceptive business practices.
18. Support proposals to increase funding for collaborative consumer protection and consumer education programs.

19. Support proposals that provide consumers no cost access to credit reports, simplify the process to correct credit report discrepancies, and improve the accuracy of credit reporting.
20. Support proposals to increase identity theft protections and provide funding for the assistance needed to help victims restore their credit.
21. Support proposals that would extend or remove the sunset date of the County's Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program (SB 827 of 2014).
22. Oppose legislation which would prevent charitable organizations from collecting donated goods by restricting the placement of unattended collection boxes as long as they are compliant with existing laws and local ordinances.
23. Oppose legislation which would prohibit private entities contracting with a public agency from displaying content on their uniforms or vehicles which could imply the local agency is providing those services, unless the contractor conspicuously displays a disclaimer that they are not government employees.
24. Support legislation that provides the public with increased transparency regarding the value, performance and/or financial standing of businesses, educational institutions, and consumer goods.
25. Support legislation that provides consumers with comprehensive information and/or education on financial products, including tax preparation services, debt consolidation agreements, and consumer and student loans.
26. Support legislation to increase civil penalties for the unauthorized practice of law.
27. Support legislation which would create a comprehensive statewide tax agent registration system.
28. Support proposals that increase assistance, accessibility and education for consumers in the marketplace.
29. Support proposals to increase funding for wage theft enforcement and initiatives that contemplate the same.
30. Support proposals that increase consumer access to traditional banking services.

3.5 Child Support Administration

1. Support legislation to allow counties to relinquish all responsibility for the local child support program to the State, should the State fail to adequately fund the program.
2. Support proposals to fully fund county child support collection program costs.
3. Support proposals that would hold counties harmless for any error or omission on the part of the State, including failure to meet collection standards.

4. Support legislation to improve collection of child support orders including:
 - a. Proposals that seek to base a child support order contained in a default judgment on the payor-parent's actual income, rather than presume, in the absence of proof of the payor-parent's income, that the payor-parent works 40 hours per week earning minimum wage.
 - b. Proposals that seek to enable local child support agencies to collect child support from non-traditional sources of income such as gaming proceeds paid to parents who owe past-due child support. This would allow the Department of Child Support Services to collect more child support for children and families.
 - c. Proposals to further adjust the mandatory statewide child support guideline for low-income parents.
 - d. Proposals to increase collections by developing data matches between counties and local child support agencies, including data matches for individuals that contract with or receive a license or permit from a county, to the extent the information is public, which would yield specific information enabling the local child support agency to locate the assets of more parents who owe child support and collect more child support for children and families.
 - e. Proposals to eliminate the accrual of interest on past-due child support payments in order to make child support arrearages more manageable.

3.6 County Investment Practices

1. Support measures which propose reasonable changes to local investment practices to protect public funds, and oppose measures which unnecessarily restrict the ability of local agencies to invest prudently and optimize investment returns.
2. Oppose measures which repeal the authority of counties to issue bond financing or other debt when viable and feasible, or which limit counties' ability to issue debt to refund outstanding bonds to reduce the cost of borrowing.
3. Support proposals that authorize the County to issue bonds to securitize loans, such as property tax revenues pursuant to Proposition 1A of 2004, which the State borrows from local governments.

3.7 Local Government Reorganizations/County Boundary Changes

1. Support legislation that ensures the revenue neutrality of local boundary changes provided that it:
 - a. Ensures that the State will maintain revenue neutrality by transferring to the incorporating entity ongoing State revenue equal to the State's prior cost of providing those services.
 - b. Does not increase the duties and responsibilities of LAFCO or dictate expenditures for services without providing reimbursement through fees or from State sources.

- c. Provides that in calculating the cost of service responsibilities being transferred in a reorganization, the LAFCO shall not consider those services funded from sources that were voter-approved or that, if re-enacted, would be subject to the provisions of Articles XIII C and D of the State Constitution.
 - d. Does not increase the fiscal liability of the County in annexations, incorporations, disincorporations, detachments, dissolutions, mergers, consolidations, and establishment of subsidiary districts.
 - e. Requires the appropriate transfer of Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for annexations and incorporations; requires the submission of RHNA transfers as a part of the application for consideration of an annexation proposal by the LAFCO; and provides clarification for calculating the appropriate RHNA transfer.
- 2. Oppose legislation that requires LAFCO to review and make recommendations on urban expansion projects in outlying unincorporated areas or which would infringe on the County's local land use decision-making authority.
 - 3. Oppose legislation or regulation that would result in net revenue loss to the County due to boundary changes.
 - 4. Oppose legislation that would infringe on or diminish the Board of Supervisors' participation in and decision-making authority on local boundary changes.

3.8 Historic Preservation

- 1. Support legislation for the funding and development of the El Pueblo Cultural and Performing Arts Center on the County-owned properties known as the Antique Block.
- 2. Support proposals to fund the protection, preservation, and enhancement of historical areas under County ownership or control and for State-owned sites within the County.
- 3. Support legislation that would maintain the survey monument preservation fund to pay for the necessary expenses incurred or authorized by the county surveyor to properly perform and maintain monument surveys of major historical land division lines.

3.9 Human Relations

- 1. Support legislation that addresses and combats discrimination based on age, disability, disease status, gender identity, language, immigration status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.
- 2. Support legislation to reduce hate crimes, increase human relations education and training, and increase communities' capacity to address intergroup relations issues in a positive way.

3.10 Library Services

1. Support proposals to fully fund the Public Library Foundation Program.
2. Support proposals to restore library district property taxes.
3. Support proposals that provide State bond financing for public library construction and renovation, and provide funding for reasonable costs of facility needs assessments.
4. Support proposals to maintain funding for the Transaction Based Reimbursement Program administered by the California State Library and encourage universal borrowing among library jurisdictions in California.
5. Support legislation that would dedicate one-half of one percent of Proposition 98 of 1988 monies to public libraries.
6. Support proposals which provide libraries with discounts on select communications services and which encourage participation in the Federal E-rate Discount Program.
7. Support proposals that fund or increase access to a broad range of literacy materials and services, such as those for financial, digital, health, and child and adult literacy, in community-based organizations, consumer counseling organizations, educational institutions, government, and financial institutions.
8. Support proposals that provide funding to connect public libraries to high-speed, high-capacity broadband infrastructure.

3.11 Museums and Performing Arts

1. Support measures which provide increased State funding for the arts and museums, including construction/renovation of regional cultural facilities.
2. Support proposals to fund the Grand Avenue Project.

3.12 Education

1. Support proposals to fund for school crossing guards provided by counties.
2. Support legislation to require school districts to establish a process in which the parent or guardian of a student commits in a written agreement or compact to assist and cooperate in the education of that student.
3. Support proposals to fund the California Subject Matter Projects, which includes the California Arts Projects.
4. Support proposals which would expand the role of arts education in public schools through the inclusion of arts as a core subject, the development of arts textbooks, and an increase in arts educators.

5. Support proposals that allocate special education funds in a manner that accurately reflects the needs of children in the County.
6. Support proposals to maintain or increase State funding for arts education.
7. Support proposals which address the accountability of school districts in developing, implementing and evaluating arts education.
8. Support proposals to assist school districts in providing school-based health programs to ensure the behavioral, mental health, and physical needs of students are addressed and all students are ready to learn.
9. Support proposals that would establish State funded schools to provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) instruction to underrepresented students.

3.13 Public Records

1. Oppose legislation that imposes unreasonable burdens or creates unfunded mandates to provide access to records, information managed and maintained by County agencies.
2. Support legislation that makes the economic disclosure and conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act more efficient and less burdensome to administer, while furthering the purposes of the Act.
3. Support legislation that will provide State funding for the development of County Records Management and Archival Programs.
4. Support legislation to increase compliance in the filing of a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700).
5. Support legislation that amends the California Public Records Act to exempt disclosure of public entities' attorney billing records, such as invoices and time records, in litigation that is pending against the public entity or any of its Departments or employees, as long as it preserves the purpose of the Act.
6. Support proposals to permit the secure electronic publishing of a Fictitious Business Name.

3.14 Redevelopment

1. Support legislation which continues or extends the redevelopment law reforms accomplished in the Community Redevelopment Reform Act (AB 1290 - Chapter 942, Statutes of 1993), and oppose any redevelopment legislation which would cause the County to lose revenues or which would limit or repeal the provisions of AB 1290.
2. Support measures to strengthen the blight findings requirement to prevent redevelopment and economic development abuse.

3. Support proposals to protect both statutory and negotiated pass-through payments, as well as all other funds allocated to taxing entities for the duration of the redevelopment wind-down process pursuant to ABx1 26 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011) and AB 1484 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2012), and oppose proposals that would eliminate or reduce any pass-through payments, or eliminate or reduce or delay the flow of any other source of funds allocated to taxing entities by ABx1 26 as amended by AB 1484, before redevelopment successor agencies retire or pay off all debts, dispose of all remaining assets, and/or terminate their existence.
4. Support extension of review periods to allow counties and other affected parties adequate time to analyze the validity and impact of proposed redevelopment projects.
5. Support measures to close loopholes that allow agencies to extend the life of projects beyond the statutory time frames established in the Community Redevelopment Reform Act.
6. Support legislation that will provide State funding for rehabilitation of main street business districts.
7. Support proposals which facilitate the successful implementation of the requirements and goals of ABx1 26 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2011) and AB 1484 (Chapter 26, Statutes of 2012).
8. Oppose proposals that eliminate the County's authority over the use of tax increment or its ability to determine its role in the formation of and participation in infrastructure financing districts, redevelopment agencies, joint powers authorities, or other similar entities.
9. Support proposals that make a county's or a local housing authority's participation in any redevelopment project or program subject to local approval, and support proposals which would allow a local housing authority to transfer housing functions previously performed by a former redevelopment agency to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, or to provide funding to a local housing authority for administration of the assumed housing functions.

3.15 Elections and Voting

1. Support proposals to provide County reimbursement for the costs incurred in conducting special elections to fill vacancies in State and Federal offices.
2. Support legislation to require the Secretary of State to issue voting system guidelines and test specifications for approval of new voting systems.
3. Support legislation that increases protections against interfering with the casting of ballots at polling places or by mail, including increasing fines and/or penalties for practices that attempt to impede the voting process or intimidate voters.
4. Support legislation to improve and/or clarify the challenge process for Vote by Mail ballots and strengthen voter protections.

5. Support legislation to allow for the secure and effective use of new technologies available in the field of election administration.
6. Support legislation to authorize the implementation of additional, expanded and alternative voting opportunities.
7. Support legislation to assist counties in the effective implementation of State-mandated changes in the elections process and administration.
8. Support proposals to facilitate the timely certification and implementation of secure technology developed for the County's Voting Systems Assessment Project.
9. Support proposals to advance improved models for auditing vote totals and demonstrating the accuracy of voting systems.

3.16 City Governance

1. Support legislation to specify that no more than ten percent of a charter city's owned or controlled housing could be occupied by city employees or individuals with a conflict of interest; and allow a county or its community development commission to competitively bid housing units for charter cities.
2. Support legislation which will allow all options to ultimately be considered for the future governance of the City of Vernon, including remaining disincorporated, or annexation to another municipality.

3.17 Liability Protection and Mitigation

1. Support proposals to mitigate the effects of joint and several liability upon public entities by limiting liability to any party to be responsible for their own proportion of damages.
2. Support proposals to strengthen the statutory immunities associated with the operation of public infrastructure such as immunities under Government Code Section 830 et seq.
3. Support proposals that limit post judgment interest and/or that provide public entities with flexibility in paying judgments over time.
4. Support proposals to mitigate the effects of liability upon public entities by applying the Doctrine of Comparative Fault to inverse condemnation actions.
5. Support or sponsor legislation that would clarify that self-insured government entities are not liable for the workers' compensation benefits for employees of contracted temporary service agencies whose insurer becomes insolvent, and support proposals that confirm that such liabilities are covered by the California Insurance Guarantee Association.

3.18 Information Technology

1. Support proposals to increase protections for electronic information managed and maintained by government agencies.
2. Oppose proposals that would increase the risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or modification of County information technology resources.

3.19 Small Business Development

1. Support proposals that would increase economic opportunities for small businesses.
2. Support proposals that provide funding to educate small business owners on their rights and responsibilities to facilitate their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
3. Support proposals to increase incentives for businesses to hire unemployed or underemployed workers.
4. Support proposals to develop a State Social Enterprise designation or increase social enterprise contracting with government agencies.

4. HEALTH

4.1 Financing of the Safety Net

1. Support, through a coalition with other counties and providers, a dependable, long-term funding source for the health care safety net.
2. Support legislation that promotes the fair and equitable distribution of Safety Net Care Pool dollars through the Global Payment Program between public and private hospitals.
3. Support proposals that provide funding for indigent care in place of those that have been eliminated, such as the California Healthcare for Indigents Program.
4. Support legislative or administrative changes to allow the Department of Health Services access to financial information records of patients (e.g., State Franchise Tax Board, Department of Motor Vehicles, etc.) which would facilitate identification and verification of patient financial resources.
5. Support legislation to permit counties to assert and collect on liens for health care costs of patients who receive a monetary award from a lawsuit settlement or compromise rather than from a judgment.
6. Support proposals to expand the use of intergovernmental transfers, health provider fees, and other allowable methods to increase net Federal Medicaid and Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) matching payments to California and health providers like the County at no cost to the State General Fund.

7. Support legislation to allow the use of State capital improvement funds for County facility capital projects, including clinics and other public health facilities, while preserving the option to revise and/or expand a project's scope at the County's discretion.
8. Support proposals to assist hospitals to meet the SB 1953 (Chapter 740, Statutes of 1994) seismic safety requirements.
9. Support funding to promote/market the availability of County health care services, including innovation centers.
10. Support proposals to fund technology infrastructure in public hospitals and health systems, including electronic health records, health information management system, and data exchange with immunization registries, electronic case reporting, and electronic laboratory reporting.
11. Support proposals to conform State formulae for calculating individual share of costs and low-income eligibility in the Medicare Part D prescription drug program to adequate cost of living levels in Los Angeles County.
12. Oppose measures that would establish unnecessary requirements that would be a burden to public hospitals, such as: 1) mandating inflexible hospital staffing ratios; 2) community benefits reporting; 3) mandatory placement of medical parolees; and 4) eight-hour written notice to employees who work overtime.
13. Support proposals which provide funding for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital.
14. Support proposals to preserve the 1991 Realignment funding for counties and the County-specific funding formula established in AB 85 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2013) to support indigent health care and other services.
15. Support proposals to preserve supplemental payments to public and private hospitals as the Federal Medicaid Managed Care Rules are implemented in California.

4.2 Emergency and Trauma Care

1. Reaffirm the County's commitment to the trauma care system in Los Angeles County and continue to work with the statewide coalition to seek a continuation of State funding for trauma centers.
2. Support proposals to provide permanent, stable funding for the County's public and private emergency and trauma care system, including fees on alcohol consumption.
3. Support the continuation of the State's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency as an independent entity, and oppose efforts to consolidate the Agency with other State departments.

4. Support proposals that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency and trauma care services through the diversion of low acuity patients to more appropriate settings of care.
5. Support proposals that would allow fire departments and ambulance companies that provide approved advanced life support services to restock drug supplies directly from pharmacies and/or utilize secured, on-site pharmaceutical dispensing machines.
6. Support proposals that promote the development of a statewide trauma care system to provide a more comprehensive and coordinated system and more effective response in the event of a disaster.
7. Oppose proposals that reduce county medical control over local EMS providers through the Local EMS Agency, such as prior legislative attempts to reduce county authority over medical control of EMS providers by moving it to cities or the State, which has the potential to fragment the system and allow different levels of service, including patient care, within a county.
8. Oppose legislation to centralize EMS policymaking authority with the State or that would allow the State to impose fiscal penalties on counties if local policies are determined to be inconsistent with those issued by the State EMS Authority.
9. Support proposals to allow sheriff and fire departments to receive reimbursement for helicopter search and rescue efforts.
10. Oppose proposals which would reduce local authority regarding disciplinary actions for licensed emergency medical services personnel.
11. Support and/or sponsor legislation that would enable paramedics and emergency medical technicians responding to 911 calls to transport patients to the most appropriate facility, such as, mental health urgent care centers or sobering centers, if available, subject to the County's Emergency Medical Services Destination Policy.

4.3 Medi-Cal and Children's Health Care Coverage

1. Support proposals that reduce the number of uninsured persons, and expand Medi-Cal coverage to low-income persons such as In-Home Supportive Services workers and juveniles within county probation systems.
2. Support proposals to simplify Medi-Cal eligibility rules, application, and re-determination processes to increase and expedite enrollment and promote retention, through the use of presumptive eligibility, elimination of financial barriers, increasing income and asset eligibility levels, and enabling more disabled persons to qualify.
3. Support proposals to increase funding of Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, required documentation procurement, and retention activities.
4. Support proposals to allow counties and school districts to provide the State matching component and exercise the Federal waiver option to: 1) purchase family coverage;

- and/or 2) establish a cost-effective alternative using a community-based health delivery system.
5. Support proposals to allow counties to use Federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funds to provide a continuum of mental health and public health nursing services for children in the public's care.
 6. Support proposals to continue State funding for prenatal services to undocumented women.
 7. Support proposals to expand the substance abuse benefit for children and parents.
 8. Support proposals to increase the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level to a minimum 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and require the State to annually adjust the Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Income Level when the FPL is adjusted.
 9. Support proposals to continue 100 percent cost-based reimbursement for Federally Qualified Health Centers.
 10. Support proposals to assist local programs that combat Medi-Cal fraud.
 11. Support proposals to expand local and statewide efforts to fund children's health coverage programs with the goal of universal health coverage for all children in the State of California.
 12. Support proposals to allow women to utilize their full-scope no-cost Medi-Cal coverage for two years post-partum.
 13. Support proposals to provide State funding for costs associated with implementation of the Deficit Reduction Act – Citizenship/Identity Verification.
 14. Support proposals allowing seniors and persons with disabilities continuance of their choice to maintain fee-for-service Medi-Cal.
 15. Support proposals to align Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for providers and hospitals in medically underserved areas in Southern California with Northern California Medi-Cal reimbursement rates.
 16. Support proposals that allow counties and school districts to continue to match funds to obtain Federal reimbursement of costs involving Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, which would allow the County and school districts to continue to recover costs associated with Medi-Cal enrollments, and allow the County to continue to offer Medi-Cal enrollment assistance to uninsured low-income families.
 17. Support proposals to restore reductions to Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for providers and hospitals.
 18. Support proposals to ensure that mobile eye examinations for Medi-Cal eligible children are reimbursable.

4.4 Health Insurance and Coverage

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to offer full coverage for all health services, including prenatal and perinatal care and support; contraceptives; childhood, adolescent, and adult immunizations; and screening for diabetes; hypertension; cervical and breast cancer; Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) treatment and biomedical interventions; Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) treatment; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; substance abuse; mental health; and behavioral health treatment for persons with autism spectrum disorders.
2. Support proposals to enhance access to prescription drugs, durable medical equipment and immunizations, especially for low- and moderate-income uninsured persons.
3. Support measures to reduce the time to one year in which health insurance coverage cancellation must be determined.
4. Support measures which provide that health insurance coverage is established upon the date of receipt of an application or receipt of the first premium payment.
5. Support measures which require that cancellation of commercial health insurance coverage must be prior to any authorization of services.
6. Support measures which would require the California Department of Managed Health Care to review actuarial studies for any and all health insurance rate increases to ensure that the study was appropriately performed by a qualified actuarial firm.
7. Support measures which require that changes to health care plans must be made within one year unless those changes apply to everyone in the insured population or are required by law or regulation.
8. Support measures that require health insurance companies to prove intentional omissions by an applicant to cancel coverage, and that require cancellations to correlate between any prior and present medical conditions for which treatment is needed.
9. Support proposals to develop and implement solutions to improve health care access in medically underserved communities within the State, including proposals to provide funding and other incentives for health care providers, hospitals, and clinics to serve medically underserved areas.
10. Support proposals that provide funding to increase income eligibility limits for the California Children's Services Program, and exempt counties from additional expenditures resulting from such an expansion of eligibility.
11. Oppose legislation that would revise the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act to impede access, increase health care costs, and/or divert health care dollars from patient care.
12. Support proposals that extend Medi-Cal eligibility to individuals who meet the definition of a frequent user of health services and who meet income

requirements for the existing Medi-Cal medically needy program, which would result in less costly treatment and a healthier outcome for patients who repeatedly use emergency rooms for medical crisis.

13. Support proposals to restore and protect funding for Adult Day Health Care programs and/or suitable alternatives.
14. Sponsor or support legislation to extend the sunset date to provide exemptions from licensing requirements for out-of-state health care practitioners to provide short-term, in-state volunteer medical and dental services.
15. Support research for a Valley Fever vaccine, and the State's efforts to combat the Valley Fever disease.

4.5 HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases

1. Support proposals to allow the continuation and review of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program to ensure the provision of an uninterrupted supply of medications and the preservation of savings obtained through drug rebates.
2. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of care and treatment services, and bio-medical research and interventions (such as pre-exposure prophylaxis and post-exposure prophylaxis) for people living with HIV/AIDS.
3. Support proposals to promote HIV/AIDS policy in State correctional and incarceration facilities consistent with accepted public health standards, and upgrade and expand HIV counseling, testing, prevention, education, outreach, care, treatment, and transitional services for prisoners living with HIV/AIDS.
4. Support proposals to mitigate losses of Federal funding for HIV/AIDS services with State budgetary appropriations.
5. Support proposals and increased funding for the provision of comprehensive HIV/STD counseling, testing, education, outreach, research, and social marketing programs.
6. Support regulatory or legislative changes to residential care facility law and regulation to enhance the provision of services to special populations, such as HIV clients, in residential settings.
7. Support proposals and funding to increase access to Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) prevention, screening, treatment, and surveillance activities for individuals who are at highest risk.
8. Support proposals and increased funding to effectively institute STD surveillance in order to identify emerging areas of need, craft programming responses, and ensure adequate levels of Federal funding.

9. Support legislation to allow local health departments to train and monitor public health staff to perform phlebotomy in field-based settings.

4.6 Public Health

1. Support measures that provide funding to strengthen the ability of the public health system to detect and respond to natural, as well as man-made disasters, including acts of terrorism.
2. Support proposals that protect the public's health and/or that preserve or increase funding for public health activities including: chronic disease prevention (such as asthma, heart disease, cancer, obesity, and diabetes), acute and chronic communicable disease control, immunizations, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease control, veterinary public health and rabies control, public health laboratory, maternal and child health, family planning, childhood lead poisoning prevention, injury and violence prevention, food safety and nutrition, and emergency preparedness and response.
3. Support legislation to require school districts and public park agencies to inspect their facilities on a regular basis for lead paint, report their findings to County health offices, and comply with requirements set by State and County childhood lead abatement programs.
4. Support proposals to require hospitals and non-acute health care facilities to have a written infection-control program; establish a statewide system for public disclosure of information on healthcare-associated infections in a manner that would assist consumers in making healthcare choices; and require health care associated infections data to be made available to the local health department jurisdiction where facilities are located.
5. Support legislation to protect and improve drinking water supplies, recreational waters and fish and game ecosystems by utilizing evidence-based approaches.
6. Support legislation to provide for the safe disposal of all waste materials, especially low-level radioactive waste, by utilizing evidence-based approaches.
7. Support legislation that enhances food safety programs and regulations.
8. Support legislation that preserves and enhances housing stock including measures that support safe home environments free from lead, mold, and other indoor environmental hazards.
9. Support measures which establish, enhance, or fund policies, programs, research, standards, educational curriculum, and public awareness campaigns that encourage health promotion, health protection, disease and infection control, and injury and violence prevention efforts, including suicide prevention, behavior health awareness, and anti-bullying and sexual exploitation of minors.
10. Support measures that expand, provide additional funding for, reduce barriers to and increase enrollment in food assistance programs and Head Start, including increasing income guidelines and benefits for Federal and State Food Assistance Programs.

11. Support increased funding of Medi-Cal for obesity screening, prevention, and treatment for children at or above the 85th percentile of the sex-specific body mass index growth charts.
12. Support proposals to implement and enforce County cultural and linguistic competence standards for all health service programs in order to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care.
13. Support legislation to improve the planning and certification of adult day programs and services which strengthen and provide for the fiscal monitoring of these programs.
14. Support legislation and funding that facilitates or requires health facilities, schools, private business, government, and community-based agencies to participate in large-scale disaster preparedness planning, training and exercises, especially in the area of mass prophylaxis and care.
15. Support proposals that protect and improve the health of adolescents and young adults (12-24 years of age) through:
 - a. enhanced multidisciplinary collaborations among County departments, cities and private agencies serving youth;
 - b. funding to enhance integration of services to adolescents, including physical and mental health, juvenile detention services, employment and training or community experiences to which the youth can be referred; and
 - c. training for adolescent service providers on youth development, youth resiliency, cultural competency, physical and mental health, youth violence prevention, nutrition and physical fitness, substance abuse, how and where to make referrals to appropriate services, and increase the number and effectiveness of referrals to appropriate services.
16. Support measures that promote partnerships between organizations that serve communities and public health agencies to establish and enhance public awareness campaigns to encourage healthy lifestyles.
17. Support proposals to provide funding to promote and market the availability of programs and services focusing on chronic disease prevention, risk reduction, screening, and treatment.
18. Support proposals that would prevent youth access to tobacco products by:
 - 1) protecting anti-preemption language specified in the Cigarette and Tobacco Licensing Act of 2003 that explicitly allows local jurisdictions to pass tobacco retail licensing laws; and
 - 2) limiting the promotion and availability of other tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems, including e-cigarettes.
19. Support proposals that would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) from tobacco, marijuana, and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes in outdoor areas, multi-unit housing complexes and indoor workplaces, and would designate SHS and electronic smoking devices, including e-cigarettes, as a public nuisance.

20. Support proposals to increase tobacco cessation services including mandating cessation services be covered as part of employee health benefits.
21. Support proposals for the development and implementation of programs which would provide incentives to improve the health of the workforce, including but not limited to facilitating strategies for increased physical activity and healthier eating.
22. Support proposals that increase the availability and marketing of healthy, local and affordable foods and beverages by expanding access to and increasing the number of grocery stores, farmers' markets and community gardens, especially in low-income communities, and by increasing availability and promotion of healthy food options available at grocery stores, corner convenience stores, mobile food facilities, restaurants, and locations at or near schools.
23. Support proposals that would increase the availability and affordability of immunizations, increase access to childhood, teen and adult immunizations in school, healthcare, workplace, medical settings and other appropriate settings, and increase funding of immunization programs to improve immunization coverage levels and reduce the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases.
24. Support proposals that increase the prevalence and safety of sidewalks, walking trails, bike paths, and parks; promote safe walking and biking routes to schools and commercial districts; and promote complete streets, which make streets safe and accessible for all users including automobiles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
25. Support proposals that promote infill development, transit oriented development and the improvement of multi-modal transportation options, to encourage physical activity and improve the health of County residents.
26. Support proposals that place sensitive sites, such as childcare centers, schools, and housing safely away from harmful sources of pollution, such as freeways and industrial uses, to improve the health of County residents.
27. Support proposals that reduce harmful indoor air pollutants in workplaces and sensitive use environments such as schools, day care centers, and nursing homes.
28. Support and/or sponsor legislation that promotes:
 - a. the reduction of salt content of packaged food products and restaurant foods;
 - b. increased affordability of fresh fruits and vegetables, specifically through financial incentives, subsidies and outreach to CalFresh recipients;
 - c. the development of pricing strategies that require vendors to increase prices on unhealthy sugar-sweetened beverages to offset decreased prices in healthy beverages as well as strategies that reduce cost for foods high in protein and lean in fat, including fish and poultry;
 - d. reduced consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, including soda, sports drinks, and other sugar-sweetened beverages, and reduces youth access to these products; and

- e. adopt, implement, or strengthen food procurement policies to increase access to healthy foods and beverages.
- 29. Support proposals to direct dedicated tobacco tax increases to address the State Budget shortfall to fund programs impacted by the shortfall.
- 30. Support proposals to strengthen the regulation and oversight of surgical centers and clinics performing obesity treatment cosmetic procedures to ensure that quality of care standards are in place at these clinics and checked by the appropriate credentialing agencies.
- 31. Support proposals to restore oversight of physician-owned ambulatory surgery clinics by the State Department of Public Health Services Licensing Division.
- 32. Support proposals that provide funding and/or assistance to local health departments for the purposes of billing insurers for TB screenings, HIV and STD services, immunizations, and other preventative health services provided to insured patients.
- 33. Support proposals to provide increased State funding to counties for the inspection and/or investigation of healthcare facilities.
- 34. Support proposals that preserve medical services for children such as the California Children's Services and Child Health and Disability Prevention Programs.
- 35. Support proposals that improve laboratory testing and reporting of infectious disease pathogens by diagnostic laboratories to local health departments in order to track and to curtail infectious disease outbreaks.
- 36. Support proposals to require the State Department of Health Care Services to develop a plan to provide evidence-based home visitation program services to Medi-Cal eligible participants.
- 37. Support proposals that increase the use of or require validated screening tools for the developmental assessment of infants and young children.
- 38. Support proposals to increase funding for Public Health Nurses (PHN) and explore options with the State to provide flexibility for reimbursable PHN services.
- 39. Support and/or pursue legislation that would increase funding for: a) Mosquito-borne disease and vaccination research; and b) Mosquito and vector control services which include but are not limited to: source reduction, surveillance and monitoring, education and outreach, biological control, and chemical control.
- 40. Support and/or pursue legislation that would allow for mosquito and vector control considerations in environmental evaluation and ongoing management and maintenance of stormwater and other infrastructure projects.
- 41. Support and/or pursue legislation that would grant state certified mosquito control personnel more authority to expeditiously access properties that are mosquito infested so intervention efforts can be initiated.

4.7 Alcohol and Drug

1. Support proposals to increase funding for alcohol and drug prevention, treatment, and recovery services that provide local flexibility and discretion based on the local planning process.
2. Support proposals for increased funding from Medi-Cal and other funding sources to enhance the alcohol and drug services system of care, including youth in the juvenile justice system and youth transitioning out of foster care, to address the growing problems associated with adolescent alcohol and drug use.
3. Oppose measures that reduce the availability and accessibility of alcohol and drug prevention, treatment, and recovery services for persons with alcohol and drug problems.
4. Support proposals that provide funding for health, mental health, homeless assistance, child welfare services, social services, as well as adult and juvenile criminal justice programs that provide or make accessible substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services as part of its continuum of services.
5. Support proposals that promote environmental approaches to reducing alcohol and drug problems in the community, e.g., expanding local authority to enforce local zoning ordinances related to alcohol outlets and increasing funding to expand/enhance community-based coalitions to help residents prevent/reduce local alcohol and drug problems.
6. Support proposals that provide funding to increase the availability of education programs to prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a spectrum of irreversible birth defects, caused when a woman drinks alcohol during pregnancy.
7. Support legislation that will fund and expand the County's research, prevention, and treatment efforts for substance use disorders, including marijuana, methamphetamine, and opioid addiction.
8. Support proposals that provide permanent and stable funding and integrated approaches, including outreach and enrollment, for the early identification and diversion of high-risk/high-cost patients who are dually-diagnosed with mental health and substance abuse disorders or other multiple symptoms/problems that effectively addresses substance abuse, mental health, housing, and related matters.
9. Support proposals which would improve the ability of California residents to easily discern the alcohol or drug content of products and reduce the potential to confuse alcoholic and drug products, such as alcopops for non-alcoholic products, or marijuana edibles for non-marijuana products.
10. Support legislation that gives counties local authority in establishing Driving Under the Influence (DUI) programs including programs to address the specific cultural and linguistic needs in populations who experience increased DUI violations.

11. Support legislation that establishes a single State professional licensure process for alcohol and drug counselors administered by a single State professional behavioral health regulatory body.
12. Support restoration of permanent and adequate funding for the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Proposition 36) to provide drug treatment services to nonviolent drug offenders sentenced under Proposition 36.
13. Support proposals to include a full continuum of evidence-based substance use disorder (SUD) benefits and reimbursements under the Drug Medi-Cal program for adults and youth that meet established standards of care, including benefits currently not covered such as addiction medications, comprehensive residential services, and recovery support services.
14. Support legislation that improves oversight of the State's Drug Medi-Cal program by implementing program enhancements that include, but are not limited to: 1) improved collaboration, information sharing, and communication between the State and local jurisdictions; 2) adoption of formal policy and procedures for immediately advising counties when provider agencies are being decertified or suspended by the State and/or investigated by the Department of Justice; 3) inclusion of in-depth administrative, programmatic, and financial reviews during the provider certification review process; and 4) increased provider engagement and training.
15. Support proposals that facilitate the successful implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver, including those that increase the treatment system capacity to improve access to substance use disorder treatment services.
16. Support proposals to develop recommendations for best practices, protocols, and other policies to enforce driving under the influence of drugs, including prescription drugs.

4.8 Health Education and Training

1. Support legislation that would permit the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH) to receive pass-through funding from the State and other government entities similar to the funding allocation for community college nursing programs.
2. Support enhanced funding for nursing education and training slots at public universities and teaching hospitals, expanded workforce development funding and training programs for nursing and other allied health professions, as well as recruitment and retention of nurses, physicians, and allied health professionals to work for providers who serve primarily poor or medically uninsured patients who rely on the medical safety net system for health care in medically underserved areas.
3. Support proposals which would facilitate the recruitment of experienced pharmacists to work in California, including replacement of the existing State pharmacist licensing examination with the North American Pharmacist licensure examination and a California law examination.

4. Support proposals that provide funding for the education and training of students interested in the laboratory field, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health.
5. Support proposals that facilitate the recruitment of nationally licensed laboratory personnel to work in California, including acceptance of the American Society for Clinical Pathology licensure examinations.
6. Support proposals that fund training to enhance the competency of the health education workforce.
7. Support proposals to increase funding for public health nutritionists in local health departments and increase training funds for dietitians.
8. Support proposals that fund academic development and preparation programs designed for disadvantaged ethnic groups, with a special emphasis on Spanish-speaking individuals, to assist those groups to enter and successfully complete nursing and allied health professional training programs.
9. Support a continuation and expansion of the Career Advancement Academy for health care funded by the California community college districts.
10. Support proposals that provide funding for the education and training of epidemiologists.

4.9 Women's Health

1. Support proposals to fund the development and delivery of child care and transportation services to enable all women to obtain timely and adequate health services.
2. Support proposals that expand access to and provide funding for a full range of prevention and treatment services for all women, including removing barriers to access, expanding payors, and improving outreach and education.
3. Support measures to increase the availability of and funding for prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services for women affected by obesity, cardiovascular disease, cancer, osteoporosis, and other chronic diseases.

4.10 Implementation of Health Care Reform

1. Support legislation that would implement provisions of Federal health care reform by increasing access to care while maintaining and/or expanding the County's funding as a safety net provider to continue health care, emergency and trauma care services, and medical education programs through the existing infrastructure of hospitals, health centers, and public-private partnerships.
2. Oppose legislation that would result in the reduction of the County's funding as a safety net provider of health care to the uninsured, emergency and trauma care

services and medical educational programs in order to implement Federal health care reform.

3. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for mental health care and substance abuse providers under Federal health care reform.
4. Support proposals to reform Medicaid, including the State Safety Net Care Pool and Section 1115 Waiver components, to increase Medicaid funds for priority areas, such as primary and preventive health care, without reducing total available Medicaid funding levels.
5. Support proposals which define essential health benefits, pursuant to Federal health care reform, in a comprehensive manner that promote high-quality, patient-centered, and cost-effective health care service.
6. Support proposals that expand health care coverage to the fullest extent allowed under the Affordable Care Act, without eroding existing coverage.
7. Support proposals that simplify the health coverage enrollment and renewal processes to administer and facilitate use and access for clients.
8. Support proposals that simplify and coordinate the health care enrollment and renewal process with existing programs such as CalFresh; and continue the use of county human services agencies to administer initial and ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility, including the Los Angeles County LEADER Replacement System (LRS) and other county automation consortia, which interface with the Health Care Exchange.
9. Support proposals that expand and enhance data matching to minimize paper verifications and decrease processing time for enrollment for health care coverage.
10. Support proposals that provide the expeditious resolution of critical California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System (CalHEERS) issues to ensure that counties can effectively provide health care coverage to eligible residents.
11. Support proposals that provide coverage expansion built upon the traditional delivery systems used by the Medi-Cal and uninsured such as the Two-Plan Model and safety net providers.
12. Support legislation to implement the new five-year Federal 1115 Medicaid waiver, Medi-Cal 2020.
13. Support proposals that include incentives for providers to deliver high-quality, coordinated, integrated, and cost-effective care across all levels of health care delivery.
14. Support proposals to ensure that coverage expansion includes mechanisms that protect existing patient-provider relationships from unnecessary disruption and ensure continuity of care.

15. Support proposals that create comprehensive benefits to the fullest extent allowed in the Affordable Care Act, including mental health and substance use disorder services, without eroding previously implemented Federal Medical options and existing waivers.
16. Support proposals that maintain the Prevention and Public Health Fund, recognizing that health improvement results from investments in population health efforts and not just medical care.
17. Support proposals that continue funding for the safety net system to maintain or extend services for populations not covered by the Affordable Care Act, and oppose proposals that would transfer fiscal responsibility for expanded health care services to counties.
18. Support proposals that allow the State to take full advantage of opportunities under the Affordable Care Act to maximize revenues such as, opting into enhanced benefits, special payments and incentives for innovation and quality.
19. Support proposals that seek to minimize disruption in patient care and that help ensure access to essential HIV services, including support services, as patients transition from Federal Ryan White-funded services to other systems of care supported by the Federal Medicaid Expansion.

4.11 Health Care Delivery System

1. Support proposals to define medical homes as medical care based on the patient's health and behavioral health needs that are provided and coordinated by a multi-disciplinary team which includes, but is not limited to, physicians and nurses.
2. Support proposals to allow nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and/or similar personnel, to work independently with patients, as part of a physician-led multi-disciplinary team providing medical home/clinical care to patients.
3. Support proposals that provide funding for and promote services by an ambulatory care network as the provider of preventive outpatient services.

4.12 Integrated Data Sharing

1. Support proposals that create or expand integrated information sharing systems for health, mental health and human services programs.

4.13 Dental Health Coverage

1. Support proposals to require public and private insurers to offer full coverage for dental and oral health care services.
2. Support proposals that improve access to dental and oral health care services for children and adults.

5. HOUSING, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Support proposals that provide incentives to local governments and/or developers to increase and protect affordable housing and flexibility for counties to promote a diversity of affordable housing types through local policies.
2. Oppose legislation which would require local governments to streamline approvals of proposed housing development projects by eliminating entitlement and environmental reviews, or which would result in significant displacement of existing low and moderate income residents or a net loss of existing affordable housing units.
3. Support proposals that increase home ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families, and employees in vital occupations.
4. Support proposals to provide additional resources for meeting the capital and operational costs of housing production and related supportive service needs of low- and moderate-income families and the needs of special populations, including elderly, disabled and mentally ill persons.
5. Support measures that end predatory lending practices.
6. Support measures that promote economic incentives as a means of creation, attraction, and retention of business, including small business, in the County, especially business that will create, attract or retain jobs in high poverty and unemployment areas.
7. Support proposals which would stimulate the local economy by accelerating or increasing spending on public works and infrastructure projects, especially those which would improve public health and public safety, mitigate hazards, reduce energy usage, or improve transportation.
8. Oppose legislation that would redirect redevelopment agency property tax increment from local redevelopment agencies to the State.
9. Oppose proposals to permanently prohibit the issuance of redevelopment tax allocation bonds.
10. Support legislation to enhance workforce development for high-tech industries.
11. Oppose legislation that would reduce or eliminate the transfer of the City of Industry Tax Increment Housing Set-Aside funds to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles or reduce authority and use over such funds.
12. Support legislation to distribute State housing funds to local jurisdictions based upon population and poverty levels.
13. Support revisions to the prevailing wage provisions of California Labor Code Section 1720 in order to minimize the impact upon affordable housing production.

14. Support legislation to provide Public Housing Authorities expanded access to criminal records, employment information, public assistance records and other information that pertains to participant information for housing purposes for prevention of fraud and other criminal activity.
15. Support legislation to encourage health care services or establish grants for the operation of new and existing urban health care services programs and projects in medically underserved and urban areas.
16. Oppose changes to landlord/tenant laws that would involve public housing authorities in the legal process between tenants and their landlords.
17. Support proposals to address affordable housing needs on a multi-jurisdictional basis.
18. Support legislation that increases resources to clean-up and redevelop Brownfields.
19. Support legislation that continues the requirement for landlords to provide tenants that are on assisted programs with a 90-day notice to move in order to allow sufficient time to complete the process.
20. Oppose proposals that substitute Proposition 1C (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006) bond funding for existing housing and infrastructure resources.
21. Support the direct pass-through of Federal housing and community development funds to units of local government, including Los Angeles County, to be distributed in an equitable manner and without additional restrictions.
22. Support legislation that provides Public Housing Authorities with flexibility to administer and use public housing and Section 8 Program funds as well as revenues generated from the Rental Housing Construction Program.
23. Support legislation that promotes the State's adoption of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines for calculation of rents and incomes for affordable housing to increase eligibility, rather than maintaining separate State standards which would reduce the number of individuals able to apply for affordable housing.
24. Support legislation which would establish a permanent source of funding for affordable housing by placing a fee on real estate transaction documents, excluding home sales, to ensure that all Californians have access to affordable housing.
25. Support legislation to allow eligible taxing agencies, public agencies, or nonprofit organizations to purchase tax-defaulted property for the construction and rehabilitation of mixed-use residential/commercial buildings for the purposes of developing affordable housing and other social services that have a public benefit.
26. Support legislation that maintains the County's ability to protect its residents and commercial tenant establishments.

6. JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

6.1 General

1. Support reimbursement of County costs for the prosecution and defense of new crimes.
2. Support increased State funding for multi-agency collaborative justice programs.
3. Support funding to expand video conferencing by law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff, the Probation Department, District Attorney, Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender consistent with existing law.
4. Support full funding of the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program.
5. Support legislation to provide funding for crime prevention/intervention and enforcement in public housing.
6. Support legislation to add any chemical used to make illegal drugs to the list of essential chemicals considered necessary for the manufacture of illegal drugs.
7. Support proposals to maintain and enhance State funding for training under the Standards and Training for Corrections Program to support mandatory training for Sheriff's and Probation Department personnel, as well as additional training to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and the personal safety of these employees.
8. Support legislation to enable law enforcement to implement vehicular forfeiture ordinances related to racing, rallying and exhibitionist driving on local roads, streets, and highways.
9. Support legislation that would add code enforcement officials to the list of specified public employees and their families whose personal information should be kept confidential from public inspection or inquiry.
10. Support legislation to clarify the authority of law enforcement agencies to request information from a service provider on the location of a phone, cell phone, pager or other telecommunication device proximate to the commission of a crime affecting the life, health, or safety of a victim.
11. Support legislation to allow the County to charge full civil process serving costs.
12. Support proposals that impose civil and/or criminal penalties on licensed foster and child care providers who allow and/or fail to report registered sex offenders on or near their facilities.
13. Oppose proposals that would reduce or remove limits on criminal gang injunctions.
14. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist criminal justice agencies to integrate, upgrade, and maintain justice information systems.

15. Support proposals to amend Government Code Section 27701 to expand the job qualifications for applicants to the position of county public defender to include sitting or retired judges, judicial commissioners, magistrates, referees, or elected public officials.
16. Support proposals to enhance criminal penalties for persons who commit assaults against health care or mental health service providers while in the performance of their duties.
17. Support funding for and proposals that direct the California Department of Motor Vehicles to work with counties to assist county jail inmates, State prison inmates, Post Release Community Supervision offenders, and youth in juvenile justice facilities, including those deemed to be homeless, to apply for and receive a California Driver's License or Identification Card free of charge, prior to being released from custody as well as obtain vital records like their birth certificates.
18. Support legislation to increase the criminal penalties for assaults against rail and bus operators.
19. Support proposals that would allow local government agencies to match anonymous criminal justice, public health, and mental health data, pertinent to justice-involved individuals and which has been de-identified by the appropriate bodies/departments, through a secure, central database for statistical analysis and reporting.

6.2 2011 Public Safety Realignment and AB 109 Program

1. Support proposals to provide additional funding to district attorneys, public defenders and alternate public defenders to conduct revocation hearings for individuals under Post Release Community Supervision, parole and mandatory supervision.
2. Support legislation that would amend the criteria for Post-Release Community Supervision under AB 109 (Chapter 15, Statutes of 2011) to consider a State prison inmate's past violent or serious criminal history or history of sexual offenses.
3. Support legislation that would prohibit the State from releasing a State prison inmate to Post-Release Community Supervision under AB 109 (Chapter 15, Statutes of 2011) if that inmate has been previously designated a Mentally Disordered Offender or Mentally Disordered Sexual Offender.
4. Support proposals to require the State to provide full reimbursement of county jail costs related to the incarceration of current and future inmates sentenced under the provisions of AB 109 of 2011.
5. Support proposals that mitigate the impact on the County criminal justice system as a result of Penal Code 1170 (h).
6. Support legislation that increases funding for operations and systems integration to effectively provide treatment services and supervision for AB 109 offenders supervised in the community, as well as needed clinical and behavioral health care within the jails.

7. Support legislation that increases funding for infrastructure and facilities improvements to adequately address population management and the needs of AB 109 inmates, especially those with acute and chronic illness and serious mental health issues.
8. Support proposals that would increase funding for AB 109 programs, and oppose proposals that would reduce the County's base share of AB 109 funding.

6.3 Probation

1. Support funding for the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management Program.
2. Support State funding of adult probation services, and local assistance to cities and counties for correctional officer training programs.
3. Support legislation to assist probation departments in verifying that arsonists register with local law enforcement agencies, as required, by ensuring that probation departments are notified of violators who report directly to court.
4. Oppose measures that impose a reduction in probation officer caseloads without adequate funding.
5. Support measures to hold convicted adults accountable for the costs of probation, Post-Release Community Supervision, and/or court-ordered mandatory probation services based on their ability to pay, and authorize collection by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and county sheriffs' departments of court-ordered financial obligations payable to counties and county agencies from State prisoners, county jail inmates, parolees and individuals under probation supervision.
6. Support legislation to fund continuous electronic monitoring programs for probationers.
7. Support legislation to allow probation departments to register narcotics offenders when the Chief Probation Officer determines there is a need to perform this task and when the resources are available.
8. Support legislation to restore the ability of the Board of Supervisors to order the distribution of court ordered installment payments.
9. Support legislation to authorize government agencies to exchange information regarding individuals on probation, Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation to the full extent authorized by Federal law, while ensuring adequate due process protections.
10. Support funding for adult probation, Post-Release Community Supervision and court-ordered mandatory probation, to reduce recidivism in the local and State criminal justice system.

11. Support legislation to require the State to provide full funding for the treatment and programming needs of its parolees in the community.
12. Support legislation authorizing day reporting centers and other community-based alternatives to incarceration for probationers, individuals under Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation designed to increase supervision of probationers to ensure they receive appropriate types of program services and treatment.
13. Support proposals to authorize the creation and operation of multi-disciplinary teams to share case information related to an adult probationer, individuals under Post-Release Community Supervision and/or court-ordered mandatory probation that is deemed appropriate to determine the proper treatment, supervision and disposition of that person.
14. Support legislation to authorize the sharing of information among community corrections multi-disciplinary team members and that requires the team members to maintain privacy and confidentiality requirements and penalties for disclosing information or documents.
15. Support proposals that would provide additional funding for programs, services, and facilities that provide a continuum of services to adult probation populations, including health, mental health, and substance use disorder screenings and treatment services.

6.4 Juvenile Justice

1. Support proposals to ensure that each county receives annual funding for emergency assistance for juvenile probation services in an amount at least equal to the Federal TANF Grant funds received by counties in Federal Fiscal Year 1995.
2. Support increased State funding for housing programs for delinquent youth.
3. Support measures that expand truancy programs.
4. Support proposals to increase funding for programs for delinquent and/or emotionally disturbed minors who require intensive case management services or for alternatives to camp placement, including public/private partnerships.
5. Support proposals to provide funding for prevention and intervention programs for youth at risk of becoming involved or who are currently involved in the juvenile justice system.
6. Support proposals to provide funding for programs, services and facilities that provide a continuum of services to detained minors, including health and mental health screenings, assessments and treatment services.
7. Support proposals to provide funding for information technology initiatives that assist juvenile justice agencies to integrate, upgrade and maintain justice systems.

8. Support proposals to increase funding for the High-Risk Youth Education and Safety Plan which funds services to youths in transition from juvenile camps and ranches.
9. Support proposals to provide full funding of the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and strengthen provisions and funding structures to ensure effective delinquency prevention.
10. Support legislation to address concerns related to juvenile justice reforms including adequate funding for new population and services, dedicated revenue source and annual cost adjustments, transition and start-up costs, protection against cost shifting, county recourse in the event of slow payments and inadequate rates, and education programs.
11. Support legislation for additional funding for Juvenile Court Community Schools which could include adopting an alternative to the average daily attendance formula that is agreed upon between the County and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. The County would support legislation seeking the maximum allowable funding for these schools in order to ensure that all youths in the juvenile justice system receive the level of educational services to which they are entitled.
12. Support legislation to provide or enhance the County's flexibility to deliver educational services through multiple providers, including implementation of independent charter school programs designed to improve the delivery of educational services to minors in probation camps and halls.
13. Support the California County Superintendents' Educational Services Association proposal to modify the current funding formula for juvenile court schools to one that is based on a bed-unit enhancement plus Average Daily Attendance model.
14. Support proposals to provide full funding, adjusted for inflation, for the Youth Offender Block Grant.
15. Support proposals for new funding to increase access to quality child care and develop programs that strengthen parenting skills and promote optimal child development for pregnant and parenting youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
16. Support proposals to provide resources to enhance the juvenile mental health competency process, including shortening the timeline for formal competence proceedings and providing adequate funding for mental health and supportive services to juveniles detained pending their competency proceedings or remediation.
17. Support proposals to eliminate the fee paid by counties to house a juvenile at the California Division of Juvenile Justice, as well as proposals to divert juvenile offenders away from both State and local detainment and into community-based rehabilitation programs.
18. Support proposals that would require that a minor consult with legal counsel, in person, by telephone, or by video conference, prior to a custodial interrogation and before waiving their Miranda rights.

6.5 Custodial Facilities, Population Management, and Recidivism Reduction Programs

1. Support full funding of the cost to house individuals who belong in State prison or who are the responsibility of the State, so the County can avoid expending its own resources for this purpose.
2. Support funding for the construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of County adult detention facilities to mitigate current overcrowding conditions and to improve access to various forms of treatment for those incarcerated.
3. Support legislation or proposals which provide authority for the involuntary placement of low level offenders on electronic monitoring which would allow the County to keep high level offenders for a larger percentage of their sentence.
4. Support legislation or proposals which reduce the time State prisoners remain in the County jail once sentenced to prison.
5. Support legislation to waive State licensing fees for a health facility providing services to inmates located in a county detention facility and restore a license fee exemption for all county owned facilities.
6. Support legislation to authorize local governments to participate with the appropriate State agencies in post-release program planning at State prisons for those inmates to be released in the county for the purpose of providing these inmates with effective treatment programs consistent with the maintenance of public safety.
7. Support legislation to encourage State and local agencies to collaboratively prepare and implement inmate plans for treatment and programming at the earliest possible time during their incarceration in order to maximize the length of time available for effective treatment.
8. Support measures that provide funding for the construction, renovation, rehabilitation and operation of juvenile justice facilities.
9. Support legislation to enable the Probation Department to operate independent charter schools at probation camps and halls.
10. Oppose proposals for the early release of prison inmates to address overcrowding in the State prison system.
11. Support proposals to house prison and/or jail inmates in alternative custody facilities including in-State and out-of-State, public and private facilities to address overcrowding in the State prison and county jail system and avoid early release.
12. Support proposals to implement long-term recidivism reduction programs and strategies to address overcrowding in the State prison and county jail systems that do not place additional burden on local government or jeopardize public safety.

13. Support legislation that allows counties to contract with private facilities to meet the County's jail capacity needs.
14. Support and/or sponsor legislation that eliminates or extends the time period for individuals to file a petition for resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47 of 2014.
15. Support proposals that would maximize the State savings and funding that would be allocated for Proposition 47 of 2014 grant programs.
16. Support proposals that would distribute funding for Proposition 47 of 2014 grant programs to local agencies based proportionately on the United States Census Bureau Data on poverty thresholds, rates of unemployment and homelessness, populations of probationers, parolees and juvenile offenders, and rates of violent and non-violent crimes.
17. Support proposals that would fund and/or support programs to track the recidivism rates of justice-involved individuals at the county level.
18. Support proposals that would fund and/or support the County's justice system, including assisting the County with correctional treatment facility infrastructure needs and expanding diversion and treatment programs.
19. Support proposals that would fund and/or support establishing collaborative criminal justice rehabilitation and treatment programs between the State and local justice systems.

6.6 Sex Offenders and Sex Trafficking

1. Support legislation to broaden the scope of information about sex offenders that can be provided over the internet and strengthen reporting requirements under Megan's Law.
2. Support proposals that address crimes against children including issues of internet privacy, cyber bullying, sexting, sextortion and the strengthening of default settings to protect privacy of information sharing on social networking websites and wireless devices.
3. Support legislation to assist probation departments in verifying that sex offenders register with local law enforcement agencies, as required, by ensuring that probation departments are notified of violators who report directly to court.
4. Support legislation that adds pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of crimes that establish a pattern of criminal gang activity and makes individuals eligible for sentencing enhancements pursuant to Proposition 21 of 2000.
5. Support legislation to increase the penalties for individuals involved in the commercial sexual exploitation of minors, including those that engage in pimping underage individuals and the consumers who solicit minors.

6. Support proposals that develop or enhance programs and services, and increase protections for victims of commercial sexual exploitation.
7. Support proposals that provide funding for training related to the identification, intervention and prevention of the commercial sexual exploitation of children.
8. Support proposals that provide increased State funding for counties to help serve commercially sexually exploited children.
9. Support proposals that enhance the County's ability to safely house and protect commercially sexually exploited children.
10. Support legislation to impose mandatory sanctions, including jail and/or prison terms, for sex offenders who tamper with or remove a GPS monitor.
11. Support legislation to amend Penal Code Statutes related to Sexually Violent Predators to require notification of conditional release hearings to potential counties of domicile and to victims.

6.7 Gun Violence

1. Support proposals to provide funding to support activities aimed at confiscating firearms from those prohibited from possessing such weapons.
2. Support legislation to require an individual to obtain an ammunition purchase permit or authorization prior to the purchase of any type of ammunition.

6.8 Fire

1. Support proposals to provide financial assistance to local governments for the acquisition of fire apparatus, including rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.
2. Support legislation mandating and/or funding the installation of fire protection systems in new commercial, multi-residential, educational, and institutional facilities.
3. Support proposals to provide funding for the Office of State Fire Marshal for training, education, and code enforcement.
4. Oppose legislation that would require local fire agencies to assume responsibility for the disposal of illegal fireworks.
5. Support legislation that would require or encourage the use of fire-resistant building materials.
6. Support legislation that would provide funding for a standardized fire service training program.
7. Oppose proposals that impede the ability to fight fires or ensure timely weed hazard abatement through use of most effective methods to eliminate fire risks.

8. Support proposals that would remove deed restrictions to allow a municipal government to sell a portion of State-owned property utilized for fire protection services to a county fire district without the property reverting to the State.
9. Oppose legislation which would bypass or notably streamline fire planning or inspection processes for rooftop solar construction.
10. Support proposals to fund equipment and training programs for local fire service agencies and other emergency responders who respond to hazardous material incidents.
11. Support legislation that would expand eligibility and Federal funding through the Medical program for Emergency Medical Services first responders.
12. Support proposals which would increase funding for local fire prevention and fire safety services.
13. Support proposals that would establish statewide standards for the use of reclaimed water systems for hydrant and fire protection systems.
14. Support legislation that would require and/or would incentivize the installation of adequate water supply and fire protection systems in the construction of new mobile home and/or special occupancy parks.
15. Support legislation to enhance hazardous materials management enforcement and penalties for safety violations at high risk hazardous materials facilities.
16. Support proposals to create a single statewide registry for hazardous materials specialists.
17. Support proposals to establish and fund firefighter pre-apprenticeship programs to aid local fire agencies in recruiting candidates from underrepresented groups.

6.9 Animal Care and Control

1. Support legislation to reimburse local governments for the cost of complying with State regulations regarding the impoundment, treatment, care and housing of all stray and owner-surrendered domestic animals at public animal shelters.
2. Support proposals to prohibit the intentional feeding of select wild animals that present a threat to public safety.
3. Support or sponsor legislation that would clarify existing law on the timeline and procedures by which local animal control agencies may seek reimbursement from owners for the impoundment and care of their animals pending an investigation of potential mistreatment or criminal neglect.

4. Support proposals that would expand the time period for animal care agencies to hold a post-seizure hearing when the agency seizes animals that are allegedly being abused.
5. Support proposals that clarify that the statutory mandate to release dogs facing euthanasia to rescue organizations upon demand does not require the release of dogs that pose both an unacceptable risk of harm to the public and a significant liability to the municipal agency.
6. Support proposals that provide regulation of non-profit animal rescue and adoption organizations, including providing standards for the: 1) care of animals in their custody; 2) identification of adoptive owners and licensing of animals; and 3) compliance with tax reporting laws.
7. Support proposals that expressly exempt municipal animal shelters from the imposition of strict liability for injuries caused by animals housed in their care.
8. Support proposals that authorize animal control officers, when trained and certified, to administer controlled substances in the field for the limited purpose of euthanizing animals that are irremediably suffering.
9. Support proposals that establish minimum statewide training standards for animal control officers.
10. Support efforts at the State and Federal levels necessary to eradicate the Yulin and South Korea dog farms practices until these atrocities are eliminated and no dogs/cats are harmed for meat festivals or food consumption.

6.10 Trial Court Funding

1. Support measures which would increase the State's participation in trial court funding through the assumption of responsibility for financing court facility construction and maintenance.
2. Support measures which would require the State to fully fund any additional court costs incurred in implementing Proposition 36.
3. Support increased State funding for drug courts including pre-plea drug court programs.
4. Support measures that promote the transfer of trial court facilities to the State in an efficient and fiscally neutral manner.
5. Support measures and funding for the creation and expansion of collaborative courts such as mental health courts, drug courts and/or courts addressing the needs of persons with co-occurring disorders.
6. Oppose proposals to reduce State funding for Trial Courts and support proposals to provide sufficient funding to avoid courtroom and courthouse closures.

6.11 Crime Lab

1. Support funding for the construction, renovation and operation of locally-operated forensic crime laboratories.
2. Support funding to contract out work needed to reduce the DNA testing backlog.
3. Support additional State funding to expand the use of DNA collection and analysis to be used in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

6.12 Emergency Management and Operations

1. Support proposals to establish statewide standards for implementation and governance of 3-1-1 programs (non-emergency reporting and general government services) and 2-1-1 programs (community information and referral services).
2. Support proposals to provide financial assistance to local agencies for the acquisition of thermal imaging equipment that enables emergency response agencies to identify and locate targets in limited visibility environments.
3. Support legislation and/or administrative action that would provide funding and resources to implement new technical standards for public safety interoperability communications in the Los Angeles Region.
4. Support legislation that would add drivers of vehicles requiring a commercial driver license employed by a local jurisdiction to the existing entities that are exempt, while performing duties related to restoration of services during an emergency, from restrictions related to the maximum number of hours of vehicle operation.

6.13 Disaster Preparedness

1. Support funding of local efforts to prevent, prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from emergencies and acts of terrorism while minimizing duplication of responsibilities.
2. Support legislation to facilitate prosecution of terrorist threats, and establish reasonable punishments.
3. Support proposals to allow the pass-through of Federal funds, such as homeland security, to counties based on threat levels, population, and relative need.
4. Support proposals to fund the development of a coordinated public information program to communicate health risks and disseminate health information in preparation for and in response to emergencies, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.
5. Support proposals to fund for decontamination capabilities at all hospitals.
6. Support proposals to fund regional disaster management systems and resources to respond to medical needs during emergencies, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.

7. Support proposals to provide funding to ensure an adequate and stable supply of vaccine, antidotes, medications, medical supplies, and blood products, and the development of a plan to distribute them in an emergency.
8. Support proposals to provide funding to enhance the preparedness of the public health system and for Emergency Medical Service providers to respond to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive emergencies, acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.
9. Support proposals to fund mitigation activities including security improvements and equipment for critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, dams, flood control, food and water supply, mass transit facilities, hospitals, and other public structures.
10. Support proposals to fund a coordinated health, mental health and public health response in the event of a terrorist attack.
11. Support legislation to fund the creation and dissemination of emergency, health or criminal history information, while ensuring adequate due process protections.
12. Support legislation to fund staffing, training and the purchase of rapid response emergency equipment for first-responder teams including police/sheriff, firefighters, emergency medical services, medical, public health, coroner, hospital emergency staff, and other medical professionals.
13. Support legislation that increases funding and/or augments resources for protection against and response to bioterrorism and agroterrorism.
14. Support measures that provide funding for hospitals to respond to disasters and emergencies.

6.14 Traffic Administration Services Program

1. Support legislation that maintains the Courts' authority to contract with traffic assistance programs to provide administrative support for the Courts' traffic caseload as described in the California Vehicle Code.
2. Oppose legislation that would limit the traffic assistance program authority and funding of non-profit agencies that monitor traffic violator schools on behalf of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or provide administrative services on behalf of the Superior Court.
3. Support proposals to develop, recommend and implement regulations for licensing, monitoring and code enforcement of traffic violator schools to maintain routine traffic violator school monitoring, fraud investigation and law enforcement services in the County.

7. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT/MANDATE RELIEF

1. Support legislation to set a date certain for the payment of deferred SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) reimbursements so that local governments will be able to borrow against them.

2. Seek SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) reimbursement for special education-mental health mandates from increased Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds received by the State or under Proposition 98 of 1988.
3. Support proposals to amend the California Government Code to eliminate the exclusion of SB 90 (Chapter 1406, Statutes of 1972) mandated reimbursements from any order by the State Water Resources Control Board or by any Regional Water Quality Control Board.
4. Support proposals to limit State administrative fees to the State's actual costs for mandated administration.
5. Support proposals to streamline or eliminate administrative mandates to focus limited resources on services.
6. Oppose measures that increase the County's Trial Court Funding maintenance of effort above the agreement reached in AB 233 (Chapter 850, Statutes of 1997) and subsequent actions providing Maintenance of Effort (MOE) relief.
7. Oppose any measure to earmark or otherwise encumber the discretionary revenues available to counties as a result of AB 233 (Chapter 850, Statutes of 1997) and subsequent actions providing MOE relief.
8. Support proposals to allow counties to apply for MOE relief when facility costs are included in the MOE base and remain an ongoing County responsibility.

8. MENTAL HEALTH

1. Support legislation to require private health plans to pay for mental health care and substance abuse disorder services in parity with coverage for physical disorders including specific penalties or consequences for non-compliance.
2. Support reform of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and related laws in a manner that would serve and protect the mentally ill, provide whole person care, protect patients' rights, increase funding for services mandated by the Act, and promote patient engagement in their mental health treatment.
3. Support proposals to fully fund outpatient treatment services for all individuals who may be either involuntarily committed or seek voluntary treatment.
4. Support proposals and funding for mental health services for children including, but not limited to, prevention and early intervention, multi-disciplinary approaches and training, children's systems of care, community treatment facilities, treatment for juvenile offenders, coordination of transitional youth services, and school-based mental health services.
5. Support legislation to provide increased funding for mental health services for adults and older adults including adult and homeless systems of care, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian and Conservatorship Services, substance abuse treatment, Institutions for Mental Disease reform, joint law enforcement and mental

health teams, and to allow Medi-Cal reimbursement for Public Guardian and Conservatorship Services.

6. Support legislation to fund mental health services to CalWORKs recipients, multi-agency training and coordination for suicide prevention, emergency services for disaster relief response, and recruitment, training and retention of mental health professionals including certified peer counselors.
7. Support proposals to increase funding for specialized mental health and substance use disorder training to first responders, including law enforcement, fire personnel, probation officers, emergency medical personnel, and health care practitioners.
8. Support proposals to increase funding for prevention, diversion, housing, and intervention services for individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorders and delinquent and/or emotionally disturbed minors to divert them from the criminal justice system.
9. Support proposals that require managed care plans to contract with, and/or reimburse, counties for crisis and specialty mental health services provided to managed care beneficiaries at the full cost of providing the service.
10. Support proposals to adequately fund county-operated Medi-Cal managed mental care plans, and support the establishment of regulations that effectively support the provision and monitoring of high-quality mental health services.
11. Support proposals that enhance increased treatment for the mentally ill homeless individuals, families, and children.
12. Support legislation to provide funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment for locally incarcerated juveniles and adults.
13. Support legislation to fully fund a complete continuum of mental health services, facility placements or housing options, and define a transition and linkage process for parolees released to the community, including those on nonrevocable parole status and Post-Release Community Supervision established by the 2011 Public Safety Realignment.
14. Support proposals to provide permanent and adequate funding of Early and Periodic screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) through the 2011 Public Safety Realignment allocation formula.
15. Support proposals to allow local Child Death Review Teams to expand the scope of child suicide death reviews to include suicides of young adults from 18 to 24 years of age.
16. Support efforts to increase mental health education and training slots at public universities and teaching hospitals, expand workforce development funding and training programs for mental health and other allied health professions and increase efforts to recruit mental health specialists to work with difficult-to-reach and underserved populations.

17. Support efforts to provide cultural and linguistic competence standards for all mental health programs in order to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate care.
18. Support proposals to increase the utilization of mental health services in ethnic communities through the development of culturally appropriate outreach messaging and marketing campaigns.
19. Support legislation that will allow county mental health departments greater flexibility regarding specific assistance such as transportation and wraparound services for children, funded through EPSDT Medi-Cal in response to the Katie A. lawsuit, which is a negotiated settlement agreement requiring services to be provided in the home rather than in residential placements.
20. Support proposals that promote the integration of health, mental health and substance abuse treatment for at-risk populations such as persons with a primary diagnosis of mental illness in a manner that protects the special needs of that population; and support legislation that establishes a behavioral health care home within the County mental health departments for such individuals.
21. Support proposals that increase funding and the availability of beds at Institutions for Mental Disease and State hospital psychiatric facilities to reduce the impact of overcrowding on emergency and inpatient resources for mentally ill individuals who no longer need acute care and for individuals with criminal histories.
22. Support legislation to extend the sunset date of Laura's Law, with amendments to facilitate implementation of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program.
23. Support proposals that clarify that public guardian services are mandated by the State and that reimbursement for related continuing education is a required mandated function.
24. Support proposals that increase opportunities for and streamline the siting of mental health residential and outpatient treatment facilities.
25. Support legislation that allows Medi-Cal reimbursement for mental health services and primary care services provided to the same individual on the same day.
26. Support proposals that allow local jurisdictions to provide input into the development of a reversion mechanism for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and proposals that provide additional time and/or greater flexibility in planning for and spending MHSA funding.
27. Support proposals that preserve important protections for mental health patients who may be inappropriately or involuntarily transferred by an emergency room to a psychiatric hospital that may not be adequately equipped to provide necessary diagnosis services for life threatening medical conditions; and oppose the shifting of costs for and responsibilities of patients to an already burdened Psychiatric Emergency Services system without a guarantee of improved patient outcomes.

28. Support proposals that would allow the utilization of County land to develop restorative villages that include crisis residential treatment programs funded by the State.

8.1 Residential Facility Safety

1. Support legislation to establish adequate and equitable care and supervision payment rates for private, residential care facilities that serve persons with psychiatric disabilities.
2. Support legislation to authorize appropriate access for County Patients' Rights Advocates to facilities that are not licensed, and alleged to be in violation of licensing law or regulation, in order to monitor conditions and make a determination regarding appropriate placement and safety of facility residents.
3. Support legislation to expand sanctions to enforce the citation of a community care facility determined to be unlicensed, including: 1) granting County Health Officers authority to close an unlicensed facility; 2) establishing clear criteria for such a closure; and 3) allowing the District Attorney the flexibility to determine if the matter will be adjudicated as a misdemeanor or a felony.
4. Support legislation to require the State to regulate and establish standards for Sober Living Homes to ensure their safety.

9. REVENUE AND TAXATION

1. Support full State funding of the schools' share of the cost of property tax administration.
2. Support legislation to provide the County with greater flexibility to increase the local sales tax rate beyond the 2.0 percent cap.
3. Support proposals to provide for a fee on alcohol consumption to be used to fund trauma and emergency care.
4. Support legislation to distribute the growth in sales tax revenue within counties on a per-capita or other basis that reflects the service responsibilities of counties.
5. Support proposals to mitigate County exposure to property tax refunds on State-assessed properties, including the establishment of a rebuttable presumption for values established within a defined range of fair market value.
6. Support legislation to clarify that, prospectively, interest on property tax refunds shall be computed from the date of payment of each installment.
7. Support legislation to clarify that property tax refund issues are not subject to class action law suits.

8. Oppose legislation that interferes with the County's ability to quickly resolve requests for changes in assessment or restricts the assessment appeals board's ability to deal with a sudden, large increase in the number of appeals.
9. Support legislation and regulation to uniformly apply tax and fees on utilities and similarly situated companies competing in California.
10. Support legislation to protect counties from refund claims based upon the application of Proposition 62 to taxes imposed in reliance upon applicable case law regarding the unconstitutionality of Proposition 62.
11. Support proposals to expand the type of debt that can be referred to the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) intercept program to include debts owed to the County Probation Department and the Department of Health Services, and enable counties to access FTB tax return information for collection purposes.
12. Support legislation to require the State Board of Equalization to identify the fiscal impact of any new or revised rule, regulation, or instruction.
13. Oppose proposals that would preempt the ability of local governments to negotiate compensation for the use of rights-of-way by telecommunication companies.
14. Support legislation to clarify that the State Board of Equalization has sole responsibility for determining whether or not an organization may qualify for property tax welfare exemptions and that counties have sole responsibility for verifying that the uses of individual properties qualify for welfare exemptions.
15. Support legislation to clarify that, in addition to the right to inspect an assessee's records for purposes of assessment, an assessor has the right to copy those records.
16. Oppose legislation to require a trial de novo for property tax appeals.
17. Support legislation to require marina or storage facility operators to report vessels at their location to the county assessor for the purpose of assessment.
18. Support legislation to require manufactured home park operators to report the names, mailing addresses, park space number, and description of resident homes to county assessors.
19. Support proposals to improve tax compliance related to non-reporting of corporate ownership transfers, including those properties that typically transfer without a recorded deed.
20. Oppose legislation that would give cities and other public agencies that receive property tax revenues standing as third-party participants in assessment appeal proceedings relating to properties that are located in the agencies' jurisdiction or legislation that would require the clerk of the board to send notice of hearing to third-parties.
21. Oppose measures that jeopardize local revenues resulting from the provision of voice (telephone), video (cable), and data (internet) services.

22. Support legislation to fund or restore State reimbursement to counties for property tax administration functions.
23. Support legislation to allow each person 55 years of age or older, regardless of marital status, the right to use the one-time lifetime exclusion for the transfer of a primary residence Proposition 13 base year assessed value to a replacement residence pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code.
24. Support legislation to promote statewide uniformity of procedures and guidelines by the State Controller for mandated functions performed by county auditor-controllers, such as property tax apportionments, management of administrative costs, accounting, and redevelopment activities.
25. Support legislation that enhances the administration of property taxes by using more efficient methods of administration, and support legislation that clarifies, streamlines, and outlines clear property tax policy for local governments.
26. Support proposals that provide a broad analysis of the role of tax expenditures in the State Budget and the implications for revenue losses; an evaluation of the current tax expenditures that are part of the tax code, including a thorough assessment of their respective relevance and appropriateness; and consideration of reduced corporate tax expenditures as a State Budget solution and as part of any discussions regarding revenue streams.
27. Support proposals that ensure tax increment generated by pension taxes be retained by the local jurisdiction that levied the pension tax.
28. Support legislation that would temporarily reduce or waive taxes and fees imposed on impacted businesses during transit-related construction activities.
29. Support proposals to: 1) reduce the amount of taxes and regulations imposed on the entertainment industry; and/or 2) mitigate the negative impact that high taxes and regulations have on the entertainment industry resulting in the loss of in-State film and television production, employment opportunities, and associated revenue, both directly and indirectly related to the loss of entertainment industry jobs.

10. SOCIAL SERVICES

10.1 Reforming the Safety Net and Promoting Self-Sufficiency

1. Support proposals for State and local governments to work together as partners to balance resources, eligibility and benefits, and forge new partnerships with business, nonprofit, and religious organizations to promote individual self-sufficiency.
2. Oppose proposals which would reduce available Federal matching funds for health and human service programs by capping State General Fund contributions.
3. Support proposals to allocate block grant funds based on actual costs and caseloads for various functions such as assistance grants and employment services.

4. Support a single integrated safety net which pools Federal, State, and county resources.
5. Support the maintenance of a statewide safety net because counties cannot afford to aid persons who are ineligible for Federal benefits under welfare reform.
6. Support a statewide safety net that covers legal immigrants while holding sponsors, when available and able to pay, financially liable for sponsored immigrants.
7. Support the use of savings from welfare reform to finance safety net services, especially for vulnerable persons losing Federal eligibility who otherwise would be a county responsibility under Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
8. Support proposals to increase funding for aging programs such as Linkages, Multipurpose Senior Services Programs, Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers, Senior Nutrition Programs and local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs.
9. Support efforts to lift the cap on State CalFresh Employment and Training funding and require the State to fully fund the non-Federal match.
10. Support efforts to maximize Federal funding for Medicaid, CalFresh, child welfare services, child support, and child care.
11. Support options to simplify the administration of public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, Medi-Cal and CalFresh, including seeking any necessary Federal waivers.
12. Oppose efforts to make counties responsible for any penalties resulting from circumstances beyond their control including inadequate Federal and State administrative funding as well as unclear Federal and State program instructions.
13. Support adequate funding for data collection, verification, reporting, and fraud detection systems, while maintaining priority for previously approved automated systems including for the County's LEADER Replacement System (LRS) and other County automation consortia system.
14. Support funding to modify the county's automated systems in any legislation containing policy changes that impact those systems.
15. Oppose proposals to repeal State law that allows the first \$50 of child support payments to be passed on to CalWORKs participants.
16. Support funding for the development, maintenance, and operation of the County's LEADER Replacement System (LRS) and other County automation consortia system.
17. Support proposals to give counties the flexibility to develop and translate CalWORKs screening and evaluation forms into non-English languages if the State has not provided translated versions of the forms.

18. Support proposals which provide for the uniform implementation of electronic signatures in social services programs including CalWORKs, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, In-Home Supportive Services, and Child Welfare Services.
19. Support proposals to secure State funding for Supplemental Security Income advocacy.
20. Support legislation which would restrict the imposition of any transaction fees or surcharges for the use of Electronic Benefit Transfer cards within California.
21. Support proposals that reduce food insecurity among post-secondary educational students.

10.2 CalWORKs

1. Support measures that promote economic self-sufficiency through partnerships with public, private, nonprofit, and religious organizations to hire CalWORKs participants and provide limited community service and work experience opportunities.
2. Support measures that enable counties to develop coordinated systems, which include, but are not limited to, Employment Development Department and Department of Social Services programs that assess CalWORKs participants, and identify and develop the employment, training, or community service and community work experience activities to which CalWORKs participants can be referred.
3. Support an equitable allocation of CalWORKs funds to counties based on relative need.
4. Support legislation to exempt the full value of one vehicle per household and/or a greater portion of a vehicle's value from the CalWORKs vehicle asset limit to ensure that clients have reliable transportation.
5. Support a statewide safety net to cover hardship cases, such as families with abused or neglected children, the disabled, families and emancipated foster youth at risk of homelessness, children, or parents who are not readily employable beyond the five-year limit on Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, and adults who have complied with the work requirements but are unable to find employment through no fault of their own.
6. Support expansion of the State's financial commitment to local welfare-to-work programs that promote self-sufficiency among welfare recipients/applicants, non-custodial parents of children receiving CalWORKs benefits, and CalFresh applicants/recipients.
7. Support the use of TANF funds to provide employment-related and supportive services to non-custodial parents of children receiving TANF benefits, as permitted under Federal law.

8. Support efforts to fund and maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) and/or an automated, non-biometric identity verification method for the CalWORKs and General Relief Programs.
9. Support legislation that excludes special military pay when determining CalWORKs eligibility for families of deployed members of the armed services.
10. Support proposals that reduce barriers and increase the participation of pregnant or parenting teens in the Cal-Learn Program.
11. Support proposals that simplify the CalWORKs Child Care Program to increase access to quality child care and programs that promote child development and eliminate child care as a barrier to welfare-to-work activities and employment.
12. Support proposals that would provide a limited State-funded CalFresh grant to families receiving CalFresh Only benefits only where a parent or relative caregiver is working a sufficient number of hours to meet the CalFresh/TANF Work Participation Rate.
13. Support proposals that would allocate new State funds for counties to conduct approved CalFresh outreach activities.
14. Support proposals that would encourage all Cal-Learn youth to enroll and stay in school, actively participate in the Cal-Learn Program, and not seek employment as an alternative to school, but in conjunction with formal education that leads to at least a high school diploma.
15. Support proposals to exclude Cal-Learn youth from the base calculation of the Federal work participation rate.
16. Support proposals to require that non-exempt CalWORKs adults attend the Welfare-to-Work Appraisal appointment as a condition of initial adult eligibility for cash assistance.
17. Support proposals to provide a short-term extension of CalWORKs cash assistance and Medi-Cal benefits for families participating in the Family Reunification Program who were receiving CalWORKs assistance and Medi-Cal when the child(ren) in the families were removed due to abuse or neglect.
18. Support proposals to modify asset and/or income eligibility limits for the CalWORKs and the CalFresh Programs to assist families and individuals impacted by the recession who would otherwise not qualify for these programs.
19. Support proposals to restore and maintain funding for the Cal-Learn Program.
20. Oppose proposals to reinstate the CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant rule which prohibits a CalWORKs grant increase for any child born into a family receiving CalWORKs Program aid for ten continuous months prior to the birth of a child.
21. Support proposals to repeal the CalWORKs 100-hour rule for working families who are low-income and apply for the CalWORKs Program.

22. Support proposals that provide financial incentives to youth aided under the CalWORKs Program to achieve self-sufficiency upon the successful completion of a high school diploma.

10.3 Workforce Development

1. Support the equitable pass-through of the maximum amount of Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to workforce investment boards that administer the program at the local level, without additional requirements on the use of funds.
2. Support proposals to allow consultations between local officials during the modification of the Federal-mandated comprehensive four-year local plan, especially with respect to local performance measures.
3. Support establishment of performance levels for all target populations (adult, dislocated workers and youth) that are reasonable and do not penalize local areas with high unemployment rates and disproportionate numbers of hard-to-employ persons, or which target employment and training services at the hard-to-employ.
4. Support the use of the Governor's WIOA reserve dollars (15 percent discretionary funds) to provide workforce investment services in the State of California, and to provide employment and training services for evacuees of natural disasters who relocate to California.
5. Support proposals that provide additional resources to local workforce development programs, including local workforce investment boards.

10.4 Citizenship, Legalization Assistance, and Immigration Matters

1. Support increased funding for citizenship assistance with priority for services given to immigrants who have lost Federal benefits and to immigrants with special needs, such as the elderly and disabled, with allocations to counties based upon their share of the total number of legal immigrants statewide.
2. Support funding to assist in the legalization of immigrants covered under the Legal Immigration and Family Equity Act of 2000.
3. Support proposals for services and State funding to provide immigrant populations with due process protections, including legal representation for individuals facing deportation proceedings.
4. Support proposals which would: 1) prohibit local governments from entering into new contracts or extending contracts with for-profit companies to detain immigrants in California; and 2) require all California facilities that detain immigrants to adhere to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement or similar humane treatment standards.

5. Support proposals that would allow the State to take any action necessary to protect California residents who are recipients of special Federal immigration and refugee protection programs, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

10.5 Domestic Violence

1. Support proposals to increase funding for services to domestic violence victims and their children, including increased funding for outreach, screening, counseling, case management and legal services, for domestic violence victims and their families in unserved and underserved populations.
2. Support proposals to create a separate State allocation for domestic violence services to CalWORKs recipients.
3. Support efforts to promote domestic violence prevention and intervention through public awareness, education, counseling, increased data collection and research, and through comprehensive approaches to violence prevention.
4. Support legislation to foster coordination and collaboration between the various agencies providing domestic violence services.
5. Support legislation to provide additional funding for transitional shelters for victims of domestic violence.
6. Oppose legislation that would: 1) require that domestic violence offenders receive evidence-based treatment to address their criminogenic needs based on their risk level; and 2) allow for an alternative length of domestic violence programming, outside of the legally required one year length, unless derived from a Statewide comprehensive study that provides recommendations that are accepted by the larger domestic violence prevention community.

10.6 In-Home Supportive Services

1. Support legislation to reestablish an 80 percent funding formula for State participation in In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) wages and benefits above the minimum wage or develop an alternative way to increase State participation in IHSS wages and benefits above the minimum wage.
2. Support proposals that increase the State's share of cost for wages in the IHSS Program, and alternative proposals that fairly distribute share of costs among State and local governments.
3. Support proposals to ensure the delivery of all eligible services, quality of care, the health and safety of IHSS consumers, and the integrity of the IHSS Program.
4. Support proposals to improve program integrity and prevent fraud in the IHSS Program.

5. Support proposals to increase IHSS funding with emphasis on respite care and the establishment of community-based, long-term care programs.
6. Support legislation to provide State funding for emergency IHSS providers to allow recipients to continue to receive IHSS services when the regular provider becomes ill or is otherwise unavailable to provide care.
7. Support proposals to develop a new funding allocation methodology for the In-Home Supportive Services Program which ensures equitable funding to sustain the program, mitigates cost shifts to counties, and stabilizes 1991 Realignment revenues for county programs.

10.7 Senior and Adult Services

1. Support proposals to increase funding for the Adult Protective Services (APS) Program to enable counties to ensure the safety and protection of abused and neglected elders and dependent adults and to meet new State mandates to the programs and associated increases in APS client caseloads.
2. Support measures to ensure that counties have priority for adult protective services funding over agencies which do not have State-mandated responsibilities.
3. Support proposals that promote the use of less costly home and community-based care alternatives to the institutionalization of disabled persons, including by allowing funding to follow persons to home and community-based care services, such as IHSS.
4. Support legislation or budgetary actions to provide a tax credit to individuals who provide in-home care for elderly parents or other family members.
5. Support proposals to reestablish and to fully fund the Special Circumstances Program to provide assistance to eligible, low-income aged, blind and disabled persons.
6. Support proposals to fund for construction, renovation and/or acquisition of centers serving senior citizens.
7. Support proposals to provide State funding for elder abuse forensic examination programs.
8. Support proposals that would allow the pass-through of Federal funds appropriated for programs authorized under the Older Americans Act to the California Department of Aging and subsequently to the area agencies on aging in the absence of an enacted State budget.
9. Support proposals and funding that promote the coordination of services such as Older Americans Act Programs, In-Home Supportive Services, Caregiver Resource Centers, Community-Based Adult Services, Multipurpose Social Services Program and Adult Protective Services into an integrated long term care system.
10. Support proposals to facilitate the State's implementation of its Olmstead Plan, which prohibits the unnecessary institutionalization of individuals with disabilities, through

the inclusion of appropriate access to community-based services and placement options.

11. Support proposals that would increase the types of professions required to report suspected cases of elder abuse.
12. Support proposals which require the licensing, oversight and regulation of conservators, establish a Probate Ombudsman Program, and provide sufficient resources to conduct investigations of conservators through the Probate Court and the Public Guardian Program.
13. Support proposals that would allow the County to recover costs associated with severe weather-related emergency services to Adult Protective Services clients.
14. Support proposals that provide resources to elderly or dependent adults who are victims of financial abuse, and to support the education, prevention and investigation of financial abuse and exploitation of this population.
15. Support proposals that fund the biennial updating of the Elder Economic Security Standard Index.
16. Support legislation that would give the California Department of Developmental Services and regional centers the authority to adjust pay rates for providers who operate in regions where the local minimum wage rate is higher than the State minimum wage.
17. Support legislation that will enhance the County's ability to reunite families with loved ones who have tendencies to wander, such as individuals with Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism.

10.8 Community Services Block Grant Funding

1. Support proposals to equitably allocate Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding based on the 2010 Census, or a need-based formula, and oppose the use of CSBG grant funds to supplant existing funding of local programs.

10.9 Military and Veterans Affairs

1. Support proposals to increase efforts to reduce homelessness for veterans and their families, increase affordable housing, mental health services, including treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, substance abuse treatment, training, placement and employment opportunities, and provide other essential assistance to those who have served in our armed forces.
2. Support legislation to allow all recently honorably discharged, released or retired members of the Armed Services to qualify for in-State tuition rates at California Community Colleges, the California State University or the University of California.

3. Support legislation which enhances contracting opportunities for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and Social Enterprises by providing the ability for these businesses to receive bid preferences on low-bid construction contracts.
4. Support legislation which increases the amount of the preference allowed on low bid construction contracts in an amount consistent with the County's Small Business, Disabled Veteran Owned Business, and Social Enterprise Utilization Plan.

10.10 Service Delivery

1. Oppose efforts to privatize and/or centralize eligibility processing for Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, and/or CalFresh at the State level.

10.11 Homelessness

1. Support proposals which increase funding for homeless assistance programs, including supportive housing, supportive services, and emergency services, increase local flexibility over the use of homeless assistance funds, simplify and reduce administrative requirements, allow data sharing between local agencies that provide homeless services and more equitably distribute funds based on relative need.
2. Support proposals which provide additional resources for meeting the housing and related supportive service needs of special populations, including elderly, disabled, and mentally ill persons.
3. Support creation and funding of a State plan to end homelessness, and the reconvening of a State-level Interagency Council on Homelessness comprised of representatives from all State cabinet departments responsible for programs or activities that affect homeless persons and the agencies that serve them.
4. Support proposals to improve the discharge policies and procedures of State prisons, hospitals and any other agencies with residential services, to ensure that persons are not homeless at the time of release.
5. Support proposals to increase services and benefits for CalWORKs homeless families and services and benefits to prevent homelessness among families receiving CalWORKs.
6. Support measures that would allocate additional resources to create and rehabilitate housing for low and extremely low-income populations who are vulnerable to homelessness.
7. Sponsor legislation that would authorize the sale of the Sylmar Armory to the County of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to provide bridge housing for women experiencing homelessness.

11. TRANSPORTATION

1. Support legislation to increase the fines for rail transit rights-of-way violations to make them comparable to fines for running a red-light or illegally driving in a High Occupancy Vehicle lane.
2. Support funding for the 1989 Retrofit Sound Wall and the post-1989 Sound Wall lists.
3. Support funding for pedestrian and bicycle-oriented projects such as crosswalks, lighting, bicycle lanes, and traffic controls that safely promote active transportation.
4. Support proposals for dedicated funding for transportation required by the Welfare-to-Work Program.
5. Support an increase in grade separation funds if regional transit programs are not harmed and the funding received by the Department of Public Works from gas tax revenues is not reduced and the project funding received from the State Transportation Improvement Program is not significantly reduced.
6. Support proposals to direct allocation of funds to local governments for the preservation of local streets and roads, without reducing other transportation funds or impacting other agencies.
7. Support legislation that further restricts the borrowing of revenues received by the County from the excise tax on gasoline and diesel.
8. Support proposals to redirect Federal minimum guarantee funds from the State Transportation Improvement Program to the Regional Surface Transportation Program.
9. Support legislation to reduce the vote requirement for enacting a county-wide sales or gas tax transportation measure.
10. Oppose legislation to relinquish State highways to local agencies unless the State first restores them to good repair, a determination is made by the affected local agency that the roadway has general need for traffic circulation, and the local agency and the State have agreed upon the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.
11. Oppose legislation that would reduce the ability of local and regional transportation agencies to prioritize transportation projects with the State.
12. Support legislation allowing the use of automated enforcement systems to enforce speed limits on local streets and school zones.
13. Support rail safety legislation that is designed to prevent accidents and increase California's control over rail safety.
14. Oppose legislation and/or proposals that allow large combination vehicles, such as triple trailer trucks to operate in California or attempts to increase the size or weight of combination vehicles.

15. Support the inclusion of funding for grade separations and local road improvement projects in any proposed statewide infrastructure bond measure.
16. Support a statewide infrastructure repair and expansion program that includes funding for transit priorities in Los Angeles County and throughout California.
17. Support legislation to fund the inland port in the Antelope Valley.
18. Support legislation that allows all direct and indirect environmental, engineering, accounting, legal and reasonable administrative costs to be recovered from Bridge and Thoroughfare Districts in unincorporated Los Angeles County, in addition to actual construction costs.
19. Oppose legislation that erodes the County Road Commissioner's current authority to carry out work.
20. Support proposals that guarantee an equal amount of gas excise tax revenues from the State as received by the County under Proposition 42 of 2002.
21. Support proposals to identify and provide sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance, preservation, and rehabilitation.
22. Support efforts to evaluate the State's Congestion Management Program and better align its goals and objectives with local land use and regional transportation goals and objectives.
23. Oppose legislation which would expand or restructure the membership of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors.
24. Oppose proposals which would alter the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority's user fee collection structure or propose alternative fee structures.
25. Support legislation and transportation funding proposals, including new fees and taxes, that would:
 - 1) provide permanent and sustainable funding to maintain and repair the State's transportation infrastructure and local streets and roads to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California;
 - 2) ensure an equitable funding formula between the State and local governments; and
 - 3) adhere to the following priorities:
 - a. Makes a significant new investment in transportation infrastructure that would remain in place for at least 10 years or until an alternative method of funding our transportation system is agreed upon;
 - b. Focuses on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system of local streets and highways to attain a transportation network that is safe for all users;
 - c. Recognizes the critical importance of public transit systems and goods movement infrastructure to environmental sustainability and economic well-being;
 - d. Provides for a roadway maintenance funding formula that equitably distributes revenue between the State and local governments and, consistent with current and

historical practices, provides new revenues to local governments via direct subventions for investment in local streets and roads;

- e. Raises revenues through a package that utilizes multiple funding sources, including fuel taxes, license fees and registration fees; and
 - f. Provides strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment.
- 26. Support legislation aimed at protecting or increasing funding for the Los Angeles County public transit system (including bikeway networks) and projects.
 - 27. Oppose proposals for routes, segments or alignments of the California High-Speed Rail project which would cross the Big Tujunga Wash at or above grade or which would threaten severe impacts to home, quality of life, and sensitive environmental areas.
 - 28. Support proposals that provide funding, support or flexibility to local governments to implement traffic safety programs and initiatives, consistent with Vision Zero, including flexibility establishing enforceable speed limits.

12. UTILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

12.1 Energy

- 1. Support proposals to expand electric generation and supply in California, including a waiver of air quality emission standards when electricity supply is critically low.
- 2. Support proposals to provide an exemption to allow public agencies to extend the use of emergency generators when electrical blackouts are imminent.
- 3. Support proposals to increase funding for programs administered or managed by public agencies for public and private sectors which encourage and/or implement reduced energy consumption, reduced peak energy usage, on-demand energy usage reduction (demand response), increased renewable energy usage (solar photovoltaic, solar water heating, clean natural gas use, bioenergy), energy storage, energy data management systems, water efficiency/conservation, and energy financing programs.
- 4. Support proposals which assist local governments with renegotiating and developing new utility franchise agreements by providing: open, transparent provisions of information about utility systems in local jurisdiction boundaries; fair and economical pricing; timely and open negotiations; favored nations clauses; limits on length of franchise agreement terms; sharing of information about other franchise deals; and mechanisms for undoing existing in perpetuity agreements.
- 5. Support legislation that would provide customers, such as the County, with opportunities to select retail power providers and programs (including direct access and community choice aggregation) that offer renewable power, lower retail energy rates, and customer end-user programs, and oppose legislation that restricts or limits or diminishes these customer choice options.

6. Support legislation that allows local government to purchase and/or generate electricity and natural gas for local government facilities delivered through utility transmission and distribution systems (lines/wire for electricity, pipelines for natural gas).
7. Support proposals to provide funding to encourage local governments to install traffic signals with an independent power source provided the power source is equivalent or cleaner than the current supply.
8. Support proposals to assist low-income and elderly households with energy assistance, such as payment subsidies, conservation education, weatherization, and energy efficiency improvements.
9. Support proposals that would increase access to funding under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program in Los Angeles County.
10. Support legislation to assist and encourage local businesses and homeowners to implement green energy programs (such as wind turbines, solar panels, and energy-efficient appliances) to reduce demand on local and regional power grids, as long as the legislation includes provisions which protect the County's ability to analyze environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act to exercise discretion in regulating land uses in County unincorporated areas.
11. Support legislation requiring the California Public Utilities Commission to require Investor Owned Utilities to establish separate Tariff Rates for newer high and ultra-high efficient traffic and street fixtures such as Light-Emitting Diode signal lights and street lighting fixtures.
12. Support proposals to require Investor Owned and Municipal Utilities (IOMUs) to provide local governments and State agencies with disaggregated energy consumption data to support the development and/or update of greenhouse gas emissions inventories and climate action plans.
13. Support proposals which provide funding for local government efforts to develop, update, and implement climate action plans.
14. Support proposals and funding which assist local governments in the development and implementation of Climate Action Plans that aim to reduce energy and water consumption, equipment and fleet emissions, and other greenhouse gas emissions targeted under AB 32 (Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006).
15. Support legislation to provide renewable energy status, diversion credits, and other incentives for energy production at existing facilities in the County that generate energy from waste.
16. Support legislation which would implement standards and benchmarks to: 1) raise California's renewable energy portfolio standards; 2) reduce petroleum use; and 3) increase energy efficiency in buildings.

17. Support legislation that would enhance consumer protections available to property owners who finance eligible property improvements through voluntary property-tax assessment financing programs.
18. Support legislation that facilitates and/or funds local governments new or increased code or ordinance compliance, enforcement, or development requirements that result from the State's clean energy policies.
19. Oppose legislation which would mandate that community choice aggregation integrated resource plans be approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.
20. Support legislation that fosters community choice energy program development and operations; and oppose legislation that reduces local control or that adds burdensome regulations, unreasonable costs, or creates delays to community choice energy programs and their customers.

12.2 Telecommunications and Video Services

1. Support proposals to establish technology-specific area codes in order to reduce the proliferation of area codes for regular telephone customers.
2. Support proposals that improve the management of numbering resources applicable to telecommunications carriers, and avoid the premature exhaustion or split of an area code.
3. Support measures that promote universal access to telecommunication services including voice, video, data, and the Internet.
4. Oppose measures that restrict local control over the public rights-of-way.
5. Oppose measures restricting local authority over emergency alert communications systems.
6. Support measures that provide local governments with commercially equivalent, no-cost access to media to distribute information by such methods as Public, Educational, and Government access channels.
7. Support proposals that evaluate the health and safety impact of wireless communications emissions.
8. Support proposals that promote access for disabled persons to telecommunications services, including voice, video, data, and the Internet.
9. Support proposals that would enable local governments to negotiate compensation and other public benefits for those that use the rights-of-way, such as telecommunications and video service providers.
10. Support proposals that protect net neutrality.

12.3 Construction Contracts

1. Support legislation that authorizes the Board of Supervisors to delegate the approval of change orders to the Director of Public Works for infrastructure construction contracts, including roads, bridges, flood control, and waterworks projects, and modify the maximum change order contract amount delegated to the Director based on the Consumer Price Index.
2. Support legislation that authorizes counties to use the design-build contract method for projects to construct buildings and directly related improvements, and support or sponsor legislation that would delete the existing sunset date on design-build authority granted to counties and that would eliminate the current project cost threshold required for the use of the design-build method.
3. Support legislation to preserve and improve the County's ability to solicit and manage construction contracts and or job order contracts.
4. Support legislation that would enable counties to use qualitative and/or quality criteria in awarding job order contracts, including "Best Value Selection," which uses non-price factors such as quality, performance history and expertise for contractor selection.
5. Support legislation that would increase the current force account limit for alteration or repair of county-owned buildings, and would include an annual Consumer Price Index adjustment.

12.4 Underground Utilities

1. Support legislation that strengthens the enforcement of laws regulating excavations in the public right of way.
2. Support legislation to grant counties the right to object to and/or challenge public utilities projects that encroach on streets within their jurisdiction.
3. Support legislation that strengthens the State's oversight and regulations pertaining to gas storage facilities, oil refineries, and gas/oil extraction.

12.5 Oil and Gas Facilities

1. Support proposals which would: 1) provide a comprehensive statutory framework for regulation of hydraulic fracturing (or "fracking") and other well stimulation treatments in California; 2) provide statutory and regulatory protection from potential hazards to the environment, groundwater quality, air quality, seismic safety, and public health that may result from these processes; and 3) require the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing and other well stimulation treatments.
2. Support legislation which would require petroleum refineries to post their risk management plans on their websites and provide an alarm system and automatic notifications to residents within a five-mile radius in case of emergencies.

3. Support legislation which would require the owner or operator of a petroleum refinery to install fence-line and community air monitoring systems.
4. Support legislation which would require the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) to increase the number of inspectors for its refinery inspector program.
5. Support legislation which would create an Interagency Task Force on Refinery Safety to examine ways to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries, and strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future refinery incident.
6. Support proposals which would ban the use of modified hydrofluoric acid.
7. Support legislation, regulations or orders which restrict or prohibit natural gas injection into a gas storage facility which has experienced a leak until the State has completed a study to determine the feasibility of closing or reducing the capacity of the facility, completed a root cause analysis of what caused the leak, and issued a public report on the findings and the State's final determination.

13. CANNABIS

1. Support proposals that provide State funding to local governments for use in connection with and/or to implement local and regional regulatory activity, programs and services related to cannabis.
2. Support proposals that ensure cannabis and its products are appropriately packaged and labeled to prevent accidental ingestion; and that reduce accessibility, advertising, marketing and packaging of cannabis and its products in a way that directly or indirectly encourages consumption by people under the age of 21 years.
3. Support proposals that restrict cannabis advertising in broadcast, cable, radio, print, and digital communications, and advertising or sponsorship at events such as concerts, fairs, festivals, and sporting events, where less than 85 percent of the audience is reasonably expected to be 21 years of age or older.
4. Support proposals that standardize cannabis dosing or set potency limits.
5. Support proposals that authorize local governments to address safety issues regarding cannabis and its products, including providing tools and funding to initiate and execute product recalls at the local level.
6. Support proposals to protect the health and safety, as well as the security, of consumers and workers in the cannabis industry, including, but not limited to, preventing pesticides from being used in concentrations that are harmful or the utilization of volatile solvents.
7. Support proposals that establish an effective and scientifically-based standard to determine when a person who has consumed marijuana is too impaired to operate a vehicle, heavy machinery, or perform any other activity that puts public health or safety at risk.

8. Support proposals that provide licensed cannabis businesses access to financial services and products, such as bank accounts, payroll systems, and credit and debit cards systems that are standard in other retail industries.
9. Support proposals to develop policies concerning the legal use of cannabis, including but not limited to, statutes and regulations that address problems associated with the disproportionately high use of cash in cannabis businesses.
10. Support proposals which would require manufacturers of all edible cannabis products sold in the State to comply with packaging and labeling standards established and required by the State's Bureau of Cannabis Control.

**MOTIONS ADOPTED
BY THE BOARD
ON THE
STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL
AND HILDA SOLIS

December 19, 2017

State Legislative Agenda Amendments

The Board of Supervisors strongly supports environmental initiatives that promote clean local water and clean local power. With respect to clean local water efforts, the County's Department of Public Works, at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, is currently developing a Regional Water Resiliency Plan to help ensure that Los Angeles County maintains sufficient water supplies, even during periods of extreme, prolonged drought. Increasing local water supplies through conservation, storm water capture and usage of recycled water are all critical elements, among others, of water resilience.

The County has also taken a leadership role in the green energy field, with the creation earlier this year of Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE), a joint powers authority Comprised of Los Angeles County and other municipalities that will provide local, green energy to residents and businesses at competitive prices. LACCE will begin providing power to customers in early 2018, and will be the largest community choice energy program in California.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors add the following to the 2017-2018 State Legislative Agenda:

1. Support legislation that fosters community choice energy program development and operations; and oppose legislation that reduces local control or that adds burdensome regulations, unreasonable costs, or creates delays to community choice energy programs and their customers ;and
2. Support legislation that would allow for and/or expedite the direct reuse of potable recycled water.

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND
KATHRYN BARGER

December 19, 2017

Adding Mosquito and Vector Control Advocacy to the County Legislative Agenda

Los Angeles County is committed to preventing the spread of mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus (WNV) and Zika. The effects of these diseases can be severe, causing meningitis, encephalitis, paralysis, and death. Older adults, pregnant women, and those with underlying medical conditions are the most vulnerable to these diseases. There is currently no specific treatment or vaccine for either disease.

LA County has experienced approximately 150 to 300 cases of WNV annually for the last 5 years. This year (2017) has recorded one of the highest numbers of WNV cases in recent years. As of December 1, 2017, there have been 252 cases and 16 deaths.

To date, there have been over one hundred cases of Zika virus in the County; all of which involved County residents that travelled to an area experiencing a Zika outbreak. While there have been no locally transmitted cases of Zika, the species of mosquito that has been known to carry Zika virus, the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, has been found throughout Los Angeles County, including Downey and North Long Beach.

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The five Mosquito and Vector Control Districts that cover most of the County, the San Gabriel Valley, Greater Los Angeles, Compton Creek, Antelope Valley, and Los Angeles County West Districts, alongside the Department of Public Health have been actively working together to prevent the spread of mosquito borne diseases. They have been doing intensive outreach and education efforts throughout the County, and have responded to hundreds of calls regarding mosquito infestations.

Given the growing prevalence of mosquito-borne diseases, it is imperative that LA County is supportive of prevention efforts set forth by the Mosquito and Vector Control Districts. Mosquito abatement is a shared responsibility and the County should advocate for legislative solutions that support our Mosquito and Vector Control Districts.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the CEO's Legislative Office to add the following items to the State Legislative Agenda:

- 1) Support and/or pursue legislation that would increase funding for:
 - a. Mosquito-borne disease and vaccination research
 - b. Mosquito and vector control services which include but are not limited to: source reduction, surveillance and monitoring, education and outreach, biological control, and chemical control;
- 2) Support and/or pursue legislation that would allow for mosquito and vector control considerations in environmental evaluation and ongoing management and maintenance of stormwater and other infrastructure projects;
- 3) Support and/or pursue legislation that would grant state certified mosquito control personnel more authority to expeditiously access properties that are mosquito infested so intervention efforts can be initiated.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

December 19, 2017

Advocating for changes to State Law that enhance contracting opportunities for Local Small Businesses, Disabled Veteran Businesses, and Social Enterprises

The Board of Supervisors desires to strengthen and grow opportunities for Local Small Business Enterprises (LSBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) and Social Enterprises (SE). To that end, the Board has taken many steps, including the adoption of the Small Business, Disabled Veteran-Owned Business and Social Enterprise Utilization Plan (Utilization Plan), and associated implementation ordinances on July 12, 2016. The ordinances provide for preferences of 15 percent to the aforementioned qualified businesses, unless precluded by State or Federal law.

Public Contract Code Section 2002 limits the preference to 5 percent for "low-bid" construction contracts, and restricts the preference to small businesses only.

In order to accomplish the goal of providing increased opportunities consistent with the Utilization Plan, it is necessary to seek changes to State Law that allow for the full 15 percent preference to be provided to not only Small Businesses, but also Disabled Veteran Businesses and Social Enterprises.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the inclusion of the following policies into section 10.9 Military and Veteran Affairs in the County's 2017-2018 State legislative agenda that promotes up to a 15 percent preference to LSBEs, DVBES, and SEs, consistent with the Utilization Plan, and instruct the County's Sacramento representatives to advocate for the policies as follows:
 - Support legislation which enhances contracting opportunities for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and Social Enterprises by providing the ability for these businesses to receive bid preferences on low-bid construction contracts.
 - Support legislation which increases the amount of the preference allowed on low bid construction contracts in an amount consistent with the County's Small Business, Disabled Veteran Owned Business, and Social Enterprise Utilization Plan.
2. Direct County Counsel in cooperation with the Chief Executive Office, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Department Public Works, and the Internal Services Department to develop proposed changes to the Public Contract Code that will provide the desired preferences to LSBEs, DVBES, and SEs.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

December 19, 2017

Bring Our Loved Ones Home

In 2016, 28,000 people went missing in Los Angeles County. Many of these people suffer from conditions that affect memory, judgement, and an ability to communicate such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Autism. The number of people with intellectual disabilities has increased 53 percent over a 35 year period and is expected to continue growing.

In an effort to help the County better prevent and respond to cases where vulnerable people go missing, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established the Bringing Our Loved Ones Home (BOLOH) Task Force. In December of 2017, the Task Force released a report with recommended strategies and initiatives. The Task Force believes there may be legislative solutions that would enhance the County's ability to respond.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors add the following to the State Legislative Agenda:

- 1) Support legislation that will enhance the County's ability to reunite families with loved ones who have tendencies to wander, such as individuals with Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Autism.

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